

Dear Nicole,

Re: 2025/91967- Change of use from dwelling (c3) to residential children's home (c2) at 91 Long Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 9LH

Thank you for your request for consultation. The comments are made with the intention of reducing opportunities for future crime and antisocial activity which addresses our collective responsibilities outlined in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, by creating safe and secure developments where people will want to reside, visit or work.

The comments and recommendations are supported by the following guidance:
NPPF National Planning Policy Framework (Section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Kirklees Council Planning and development policy

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-and-development.aspx>

Kirklees Development Plan <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/local-plan.aspx>

Secured by Design www.securedbydesign.com

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/541/contents>

West Yorkshire Police Missing Persons - Force Policy

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/policies/crime-and-safeguarding/missing-persons>

I have reviewed the application and supporting documentation available via the Planning Portal. I have also liaised with relevant internal partners.

The proposal is to accommodate 1 child aged 7-17 at any given time, typically on a 2:1 staffing ratio.

West Yorkshire Police have concerns in relation to the location of the proposed children's home and find it unsuitable. As outlined within "The protection of children standard", Section 12 of The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, the premises used to house children in care must be "located so that children are effectively safeguarded".

West Yorkshire Police object to this application and respectfully request that it is refused.

Kind regards,

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