

About the application

Application number: 2025/92103	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from dwelling (C3) to a children's home (C2)
Address of the site or building:	17, Far View Crescent, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8ER
Postcode:	HD1 5LS

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<p>As an interested party of the street and surrounding area, I would like to lend my support for the situation ahead, by addressing some of the concerns and comments made.</p> <p>Compliance with Planning Guidelines- The proposed development fully complies with all relevant planning policies and regulations. This includes considerations around land use, traffic impact, environmental sustainability, and residential character. The application has been reviewed in detail by planning consultants and meets the statutory requirements for approval.</p> <p>Addressing Previous Concerns- i acknowledge that earlier applications faced objections, those concerns seem to have taken seriously. In response, a comprehensive and transparent plan has been developed that directly addresses the feedback received from neighbours and stakeholders. This includes revised operational procedures, enhanced community engagement, and clearer documentation of the home's purpose and safeguards.</p> <p>Minimal Physical Impact- There will be no significant material changes to the building or the surrounding streetscape. The property will retain its residential appearance and function, ensuring that the character of the neighbourhood remains intact. No structural extensions or disruptive alterations are proposed.</p> <p>Safeguarding and Behaviour Management- The children residing in the home will be under 24/7 professional supervision by trained staff. This level of care significantly reduces the likelihood of antisocial behaviour and ensures that the home operates in a safe, respectful, and orderly manner. The safeguarding protocols in place are rigorous and aligned with national standards.</p> <p>Endorsement from Kirklees manager for families and homes.- the contracts manager has reviewed the proposal and expressed support for both the building and its location. Their assessment confirms that the site is well-suited to provide a nurturing and stable environment for children in care. This endorsement reflects the quality and integrity of</p>	

environment for children in care. This endorsement reflects the quality and integrity of the proposed operation.

Promoting Inclusion and Opportunity- At its heart, this application is about giving vulnerable children the best possible chance at a normal life. Locating children's homes exclusively in commercial or built-up zones does not reflect the family-oriented environments that these young people deserve. Integrating such homes into residential areas promotes inclusion, stability, and a sense of belonging—values that benefit not only the children but the wider community.

Professionalism- Having liaised with the applicant and understood the background of the individuals behind the company, I have complete confidence in their capability and dedication to supporting the youth in need. Everyone involved comes from a childcare background, earning them considerable respect within the industry. With endorsement from OFSTED due to their previous multiple outstanding inspection grades, They are undoubtedly well-equipped to assist any young individuals requiring help.

Whilst I can understand the uncertainty, i believe this is a positive step forward for the community. This application has my full support.