

Re: 2025/92153- Change of use of dwelling (C3) to children home (C2) at 315A Old Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8AA

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 perimeter is due to be secured with a new 1.8m timber fence- this is supported from a crime reduction perspective. The fence should be smooth, with no footholds or

cross members to deter climbing. Care should be taken to place it so that walls, trees, etc do not create climbing aids in or out of the site.

Installation of external CCTV is recommended for safety and security of residents and staff. The system should comply with the requirements of BS EN 62676:2015 Video surveillance systems for use in security applications and where applicable BS 7958:2015 CCTV management and operation Code of Practice, and the requirements of the Data Protection Act and GDPR. Images should be stored for at least 30 days. Staff onsite should be trained to operate the system and download the footage in case it is required urgently. If images of public space are visible and recorded, there may be a legal responsibility to register the system with the Information Commissioner's Office – <https://www.ico.org.uk>. It should be installed by National Security Inspectorate (NSI) or Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB) approved contractor. The CCTV system should work with the property's external lighting and landscaping to ensure appropriate coverage and mitigate blind spots.

Installation of door buzzers/ alarms is recommended for external doorsets to ensure staff are alerted to all movements in and out of the property and can react appropriately.

Opening restrictors or lockable hardware will be required for non-accessible windows (above ground floor) for occupant safety.

Should the children's bedrooms have lockable doors, thumbturn locks with an override facility on the external face are recommended so care staff can effect entry in case of emergency or immediate concern for welfare of the young person.

For more information on security of a residential property, please refer to Secured by Design's Residential Guide 2025

(<https://www.securedbydesign.com/images/RESIDENTIAL%20GUIDE%202025%2027325.pdf>) and Approved Document Q

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a8016a8ed915d74e622c659/BR_PDF_AD_Q_2015.pdf).

The applicant is strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with West Yorkshire Police's Missing Persons Policy: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/policies/crime-and-safeguarding/missing-persons>

Should a resident go missing or fail to return to the home at agreed time, staff will be responsible for searching and locating them in the first instance, unless there is a real, immediate risk to life or of significant harm.

If there is NOT a real, immediate risk to life or of significant harm, the Police are entitled to expect the parent, carer or reporting person to conduct reasonable actions to

establish the whereabouts of the person and to allow the person a reasonable time to return of their own accord. This is outlined within the Levels of Intervention Model.

Should the young person be located, staff will be responsible for collecting them and bringing them home-whether they are found in or out of West Yorkshire. This should be taken into consideration when assessing potential placements at the home.

West Yorkshire Police have no objection to this application.

Kind regards,

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