



Dear Planning Officer,

I am a resident of the Woodlandglade Estate and wish to support the application to change the use of 102 Redwood Drive from a residential dwelling (C3) to a small children's home (C2).

The property has previously been occupied by a family of seven. The proposed children's home will have a maximum of five occupants (three children and two carers), which is actually fewer than the previous occupancy count who had 6 cars in between them. It will remain a family-style residence, with no external changes, so the character of the estate is unaffected.

Traffic and parking will be no greater than that of an ordinary household. Staff shifts will be managed to avoid unnecessary vehicle movements, meaning there will be no impact on the highway or congestion within the estate.

The home will operate quietly and responsibly. With fewer overall occupants than before, there is no reason to expect extra noise or disturbance. Furthermore, the property is located at the top of the estate, with a large garden and space from neighbouring houses, so there will be no negative effect on surrounding properties.

This is a well-managed proposal that remains fully residential in character, is regulated by Ofsted, and addresses an important need for children in care. It represents a positive and appropriate use of the property and should be supported.

Our estate should be a place that reflects care, compassion, and community values. Welcoming a children's home into the neighbourhood demonstrates inclusiveness and a commitment to supporting those who are most vulnerable.

In my view, the proposed children's home represents a modest, well-managed, and appropriate use of the property that will not cause harm to the estate. Instead, it offers a valuable opportunity for Woodlandglade to play its part in helping young people in need.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to approve the application.