Consultation Response from KC Children - Commissioning
2025/92785 90, Birchencliffe Hill Road, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3NH
Change of use of dwelling to children's care home facility
Date Responded: **Responding Officer: Gary Wainwright, Commissioning Manager** **Responding Ref:**

Re: Change of use of dwelling to children's care home facility at 90 Birchencliffe Hill Road, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3NH

Thank you for your request for consultation regarding the above application. I have reviewed the application and supporting documentation available via the Planning Portal.

The application states the home will have the equivalent of 4 full time staff caring for 2 to 3 children who may have complex needs, learning needs, autism, non-verbal, behavioural challenges etc. The staffing levels seem low when compared to other similar homes caring for children with similar needs?

I can confirm Kirklees Children's Service are working with the applicant and the applicant understands the need to work with Kirklees Children's Service. We are aware of the proposed new home. The proposed new children's home is in line with our current placement needs and therefore we **support this planning application.**

Kirklees Children's Home Market

There is a significant over provision of children's homes in Kirklees that far exceeds our children's home placement needs. We have seen a significant growth in new children's homes opening over the last three years.

We strongly recommend that any prospective provider consults with the Commissioning Team prior to submitting a change of use or full planning application.

Early engagement is essential to ensure alignment with local sufficiency planning and to avoid unnecessary duplication of services to ensure only the right, high quality provisions in the right locations that meets our placement needs are developed in Kirklees.

It is advised that the applicant contact Kirklees Children's Services, Commissioning Team; Childrens.Commissioning@kirklees.gov.uk before proceeding with any further development of this site or any other developments in Kirklees.