

Dear Kerri,

Re: 2025/93083- Change of use from storage (B8) to children's home (C2) at 3/5/7 Mill Street East, Savile Town, Dewsbury, WF12 9AQ

Thank you for your request for consultation regarding the above application. 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/uksi/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 up to 4 children aged 8-17 with emotional and behavioural difficulties, supported on a 1-to-1 basis per shift apart from overnight when 2 carers will be staying at the address.

I note that the Planning/ Design and Access Statement contains some discrepancies- for example, the property is referred to as a 1-bedroom placement for 1 child with 2 staff and a manager on duty; the document also advises that no alterations or major modifications are required for the building which does not appear to be the case based on other submitted information.

West Yorkshire Police object to this application as the location of the proposed children's home is deemed unsuitable.

Kind regards,

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