

Dear Jennifer,

Re: 2025/93303- Change of use from residential dwelling (Class C3) to children's care home (Class C2) at 34 Hawthorn Avenue, Staincliffe, Batley, WF17 7BZ

Thank you for your request for consultation. The comments are made with the intention of reducing opportunities for future crime 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 legislation and 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 conducted pertinent checks on Police databases and liaised with relevant internal partners.

The proposal is to accommodate 1 child, supported by 2 staff.

Hawthorne Avenue is a narrow street which appears to be oversubscribed by vehicles as it is. The proposed use may exacerbate parking issues at this location, particularly at staff changeover times.

Additionally, West Yorkshire Police have safeguarding concerns with regard to the location of the proposed children's home. As outlined within "The protection of children standard", Section 12 of The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, the

premises used to house children in care must be “located so that children are effectively safeguarded”.

West Yorkshire Police do not support this application.

Kind regards,

Agnieszka Boryn
Designing Out Crime Officer
Kirklees District