



Planning Application Supporting Statement – (Former Dewsbury Arena site WF13 2LF)

Horizon Healthcare Homes Limited currently operates 9 small purpose built care homes in West Yorkshire, (6 in Kirklees) for adults with a learning and physical disability. The people who live in the homes are permanent residents who are referred to Horizon from the Local Authority where the homes are built.

Horizon Healthcare Homes Limited have an outstanding reputation within the Local Authorities where we work and Kirklees Council's Disability Contracts Team are fully supportive of our purchase of the Dewsbury Arena site (a former Kirklees owned piece of land) and are very supportive of our planning application of the care facilities which we propose for the site.

Information about Horizon Healthcare Homes limited can be found on our website:-
www.horizoncareservices.co.uk

Horizon's care homes provide local employment and Horizon Healthcare Homes limited has demonstrated that it is an exceptionally good employer by obtaining then coveted Platinum Award with Investors in People.

Our proposal is the development of an 8 bed care home with 2 bed self-contained annex and a detached block providing supporting administrative facilities, staff break out space and specialist supporting services for the care home.

It is anticipated that staff will be recruited from the local Dewsbury area to work at the care facility and it is anticipated that 40 local jobs will be created at the site. The care home will operate on a 24/7 basis with approx. 6 staff on duty during day time hours and two staff on duty at night. The office will provide a training space for staff who work and support the residents in the home.

It is expected that the majority of staff will walk to work or use public transport as has been the case in Horizon's current homes.

In order to provide energy efficient savings, we will use solar panels on the roofs of the development (as is the case in all existing Horizon homes) and we propose to use ground source / air source heat pumps.

In order to obtain a minimum 10% BNG we will develop our landscaping proposal to maximise the onsite net gain, Any remaining units required to achieve the 10% are proposed to be bought off site through then Environment Bank and in so doing will contribute towards a major habitat site.

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