

Consultation Response from KC Children - Commissioning
2025/93515 70, Alandale Road, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD2 1SB
Change of use from dwelling (C3) to supported living for up to 3 children (C2)
Date Responded: 24.02.2026
Responding Officer: Children's Commissioning Team
Responding Ref:
RE: Change of use from dwelling (C3) to supported living for up to 3 children (C2)

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

Kirklees Children's Service have not been approached by the applicant regarding this proposal, our comments regarding the application are;

- The statement in the application states; "The home will accommodate a maximum of three children at any one time. *The home accepts referrals for children aged 8 -16 years with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD). Children may have experienced trauma, attachment disruption, or instability in previous placements.*" We believe the home is not suitable to meet the proposed type of need and not three children. There is only one bathroom for up to three children and three staff. The staff facilities are not adequate.
- The type of children's home being proposed is not in line with our placement needs. We have significant over provision of the type of children's home being proposed that far exceeds our children's home needs.

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. The majority of the new home are not in line with our children's home requirements. The over provision of children's home provision in Kirklees leads to children from other local authorities being placed in Kirklees, this is not in line with government policy; [Keeping children safe, helping families thrive - GOV.UK](#)

The government proposes "as part of Ofsted's registration assessment for new provision, we are going to strengthen the location assessment by including a requirement for an application to register a children's home be accompanied by an endorsement from the relevant children's services team that they have determined that there is a local need for the proposed children's home. This will give local authorities a greater say on the type and quantity of provision they need in their area and will allow Ofsted to refuse registration where provision is deemed not needed."

Therefore based on the information in the planning application Kirklees Children's Service does NOT support this application.

Kirklees Children's Service are keen to work in partnership with providers to ensure only the right, high quality, value for money provisions in the right locations that meets our placement needs are developed in Kirklees.

We encourage all providers who want to work with Kirklees Children's Services **to get in touch at the earliest opportunity before submitting a planning application to discuss your proposal / plans and make sure they meet our needs.**

Please contact: Childrens.Commissioning@kirklees.gov.uk