

Consultation Response from KC Children - Commissioning**2025/93550 57, Adelphi Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD3 4BB****Change of use from dwelling (C3) to residential children's home C3(b) accommodating one child****Date Responded: 27th January 2026****Responding Officer: Gary Wainwright, Children's Commissioning Manager****Responding Ref:****RE: Change of use from dwelling (C3) to residential children's home C3(b) accommodating one child**

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, are concerns regarding the application are;

- The Management Plan states; "Typically one to two residential care staff will be present at the property at any one time. Additional management presence occurs during standard daytime hours." This contradicts the planning application which states; "the property will accommodate one child and a maximum of two care staff operating on a rota basis." Potentially there could be 3 staff onsite during daytime hours?
- The type of children's home being proposed is in line with our placement needs, but we do not feel the property location and the facilities provided are suitable for the type of children's home being proposed.

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 homes 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 and respectfully request that it is refused.

Kirklees Children's Service are keen to work in partnership with providers to ensure only the right, high quality 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 to discuss your proposal / plans and make sure they meet our needs.**

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

