

Dear Jennifer,

Re: 2026/90086- Change of use of existing dwelling (C3) to children's residential home (C2) at 2 Mavis Street, Scout Hill, Dewsbury, WF13 3RX

Thank you for your request for consultation regarding the above application. 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 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>

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 a maximum of 3 children aged 8-18.

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 object to this application and respectfully request that it is refused.

Kind regards,

Agnieszka Boryn
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