

Re: 2026/90484- Change of use from dwelling to C2 for 4 children, erection of first floor extension and front porch, internal and external alterations at 143 Church Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4QN

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>

Secured by Design www.securedbydesign.com

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/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.

Additionally, I note concerns from neighbours, some citing that the proposed use will be incompatible with existing surroundings and uses, and potentially unsafe to children in care. I concur with these location-specific concerns.

The proposal is to accommodate up to 4 children aged 7-18 with 1:1 staffing ratio.

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,

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