

Dear Jennifer,

Re: 2026/90964- Change of use from residential dwelling (Class C3) to childrens care home (Class C2) with hip to gable alteration and erection of rear dormer at 26 Thornleigh Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5PY

Thank you for your request for consultation regarding the above application. The comments are made with the intention of reducing opportunities for future crime and antisocial activity 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.

The proposal is to accommodate 2 children aged 7-17 with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. A minimum of 2 staff will be on duty at any given time. Floor plans indicate that during the night both staff members would be expected to share a 2nd floor bedroom while both children would stay on the 1st floor. I am not certain that this would be appropriate in terms of overnight supervision of 2 vulnerable children.

Additionally, Thornleigh Road is a narrow residential street. Neighbour representations for this and previous application of the same nature at 24 Thornleigh Road indicate that

the location is already struggling with parking issues due to overcrowding with vehicles. The comings and goings from the children's home would likely exasperate the issue.

Finally, West Yorkshire Police have safeguarding concerns with regard to the location of the proposed children's home.

West Yorkshire Police object to this application.

Kind regards,

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