

Dear Joanna,

Re: 2026/91821- Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to residential care home (Use Class C2) at 975 Leeds Road, Deighton, Huddersfield, HD2 1UP

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>

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 conducted pertinent checks on Police databases and liaised with relevant internal partners.

The proposal is to accommodate up to 7 young people, aged 16 and over, in a supported living provision. The application form suggests there will be 2 full-time employees at the provision which appears insufficient compared to the number of proposed residents. The actual staffing numbers have not been provided, apart from the reference to these being proportionate to the number of residents. The DAS mentions shared living and dining areas for residents- I am struggling to locate these on the floor plans, except for shared kitchens which appear relatively small.

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

Kind regards,

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