

Re: 2026/91858- Change of use of residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to childrens care home for up to two children (Use Class C2) at 23 Foster Avenue, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5LN

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

The proposal is to accommodate up to 2 children aged 5-17 with Emotional and/or Behavioural Difficulties (EBD), learning difficulties, and/or sensory impairment. A minimum of 2 staff members would be present at all times, supported by a manager during weekday office hours. The provision would apply for Ofsted registration. The proposal mentions security measures such as CCTV, access control and secure perimeter- this is noted.

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

Kind regards,

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