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Subject: RE: App no 2026/92146 -315, Bradford Road, Batley, WF17 6HY CE862934025 - Pre-planning application PP-15122056: Legends cafe change of use

Good morning Elenya,

I hope you are well.

I am writing regarding the proposed development at 315 Bradford Road, Batley by Movicare Residence Ltd. Having reviewed the information provided, I am supportive of the principle of this application and would welcome an update on the current position and the views of planning officers as the proposal progresses.

From the information I have seen, the proposal seeks to provide specialist supported accommodation for adults with learning disabilities, autism, mental health needs and other complex support requirements, whilst promoting independence and community-based living. This is an area where there is increasing demand both locally and nationally, and there is a clear need for high-quality specialist accommodation that enables people to remain within their communities rather than being placed further away from their support networks.

The proposal appears to provide purpose-built accommodation, accessible facilities, communal spaces, staff support areas and dedicated wellbeing facilities designed to meet the needs of residents whilst promoting independence and social inclusion. The plans also demonstrate a strong focus on accessibility, including specialist suites, accessible bathrooms, communal facilities and outdoor space.

As a Batley East councillor, I regularly hear concerns from families struggling to access suitable accommodation and support services for relatives with complex needs. Proposals that help address these challenges locally, reduce reliance on out-of-area placements and support independent living should be given serious consideration.

I am also conscious that the site is located on Bradford Road, a key corridor within Batley East. Bringing a currently underutilised site into a beneficial community use has the potential to deliver social value whilst supporting wider objectives around health, wellbeing and independent living.

Before I make any further representations, I would be grateful if you could advise:

- The current status of the application.
- Whether any significant planning issues have been identified by officers.
- Whether any objections have been received and the nature of those objections.
- Whether officers consider the proposal acceptable in principle.
- Whether there are any particular matters that remain outstanding.

I appreciate that officers must remain neutral throughout the determination process. However, given the potential benefits that this facility could bring to residents with additional support needs, I am keen to understand how the application is progressing and whether there are any issues that may affect its delivery.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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