

Information regarding proposed use (extracted from email received 09/07/2026)

Existing and proposed floorplans of the property

Please find attached the existing floor plans of the property.

No alterations are proposed to the existing layout. The property is suitable for its intended use as a children's home, and the home will operate within the existing internal arrangement.

A brief clarification of how the internal layout will function (e.g. bedrooms, staff accommodation and shared spaces)

The property will operate as a normal family-style household.

The proposed use of the rooms is as follows:

- Annexe Bedroom 1 – Staff bedroom, used where a sleep-in shift is required.
- Annexe Bedroom 2 – Bedroom for one child.
- Main House Bedrooms 2, 3 and 4 – Bedrooms for children.
- Main House Bedrooms 1 and 5 – Staff bedrooms where sleep-in provision is required.

The sitting room, dining room, kitchen and bathrooms will be shared by the children and staff in the same manner as any normal family home.

Operational Details

A more detailed description of the proposed working arrangements, including staffing levels across a 24-hour period and shift patterns

Staffing arrangements will always reflect the individual needs of the children living at the home and will be agreed with the placing local authority.

A typical staffing arrangement consists of staff working from **10:30 am until 10:30 am the following day**. During this period, a sleep-in shift normally takes place between **11:00 pm and 7:00 am**.

The number of staff on duty will depend upon the assessed needs of the children residing at the home. Staffing levels are determined through individual care plans and risk assessments rather than operating to a fixed staffing model. For four children, a minimum of 2-3 staff will be on shift.

The nature of staff presence on-site (including any overnight provision)

Where appropriate, staff will undertake a sleep-in shift using the designated staff bedroom and remain available throughout the night should any child require assistance.

Where a child's assessed needs require a higher level of supervision, a waking night member of staff may be provided. This is determined by the child's care plan and agreed with the placing authority.

Typical daily routines associated with the use

The home is intended to operate as a normal family home.

Children of school age will attend school during weekdays. Outside school hours, children will take part in normal day-to-day household activities such as homework, meal preparation, reading, watching television, spending time in the garden, participating in hobbies, attending appointments where necessary and engaging in community activities.

The home does not provide education on-site.

Activity and Movements

An indication of likely comings and goings associated with the use, including staff changes, visitors and service providers

The level of activity associated with the home is expected to be similar to that of a typical family dwelling.

Daily movements will generally consist of:

- Staff arriving and leaving at shift change.
- School drop-offs and collections where required.
- Occasional attendance at medical appointments or community activities.

There will not be regular visits from family members, social workers or other professionals. Any visits from placing authorities, healthcare professionals or family members will normally be pre-arranged and coordinated in advance and will occur only when required.

Routine deliveries such as groceries or household supplies will be comparable to those experienced by any residential dwelling.

Clarification of anticipated levels of vehicle activity

Vehicle movements associated with the home will be limited.

The primary vehicle movements will relate to:

- School transport where required.
- Grocery shopping when required. We generally purchase groceries on a weekly basis in advance, reducing the need for frequent shopping trips.
- Occasional appointments or community activities.

The proposed use is not expected to generate materially greater vehicle movements than those associated with a typical large family home and is therefore not anticipated to have any significant impact on the surrounding highway network or neighbouring residential amenity.

Parking and Site Management

Details of on-site parking provision and how this will be utilised by staff and visitors

The property benefits from substantial off-street parking within the site boundary, with capacity for more than six vehicles.

This provides sufficient parking for staff vehicles together with any occasional visitor parking, ensuring that parking can be accommodated entirely within the site without reliance on on-street parking.

Any information on how the use will be managed to ensure it operates in a manner compatible with the surrounding residential context

The home will be operated as a small family-style children's home in accordance with Ofsted regulations and national standards.

The management of the home will place significant emphasis on maintaining a quiet residential environment and ensuring good relationships with neighbouring residents.

The property will continue to function as a domestic dwelling, with children living as part of a family-style environment rather than an institutional setting. Staff are trained to promote respectful behaviour, minimise disturbance to neighbours and ensure that the home integrates positively within the local community.

Given the limited number of children, low levels of vehicle movements, generous on-site parking and family-style operation, it is considered that the proposed use will remain entirely compatible with the surrounding residential character of the area.