

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use or development

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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1. Applicant Name and Address

Title:	DR	First name:	MICHAEL
Last name:	OLYEDEMI		
Company (optional):	INDEPENDENCE DEVELOPMENT LTD		
Unit:		House number:	46
		House suffix:	
House name:			
Address 1:	COBHAM STREET		
Address 2:			
Address 3:			
Town:	GRAVESEND		
County:	KENT		
Country:	UNITED KINGDOM		
Postcode:	DA11 0SA		

2. Agent Name and Address

Title:		First name:	
Last name:			
Company (optional):			
Unit:		House number:	
		House suffix:	
House name:			
Address 1:			
Address 2:			
Address 3:			
Town:			
County:			
Country:			
Postcode:			

3. Site Address Details

Please provide the full postal address of the application site.

Unit: House number: House suffix:

House name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

Address 3:

Town:

County:

Postcode (optional):

Description of location or a grid reference.
(must be completed if postcode is not known):

Easting: Northing:

Description:

4. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given. (This will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently).
Please tick if the full contact details are not known, and then complete as much as possible: ☐

Officer name:

Reference:

Date DD/MM/YYYY:

(must be pre-application submission)

Details of pre-application advice received?

5. Lawful Development Certificate - Interest In Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land?

Owner: ☒ Yes ☐ No Lessee: ☐ Yes ☐ No Occupier: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to Lessee or Occupier please give details of the owner and state whether they have been informed in writing of this application:

Name	Address	Have they been informed in writing of the application	
		Yes	No
		☐	☐

if No to all the above, pleases give name and addresses of anyone you know who has an interest in the land:

Name	Address	Nature of interest in the land	Have they been informed of the application?		if they have not been informed of the application please explain why not
			Yes	No	
			☐	☐	
			☐	☐	
			☐	☐	
			☐	☐	

6. Authority Employee / Member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent. For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the local planning authority.

Do any of the following statements apply to you and/or agent? ☐ Yes ☒ No

With respect to the authority, I am:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

If Yes, please provide details of their name, role and how you are related to them.

7. Grounds For Application

Information About The Existing Use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter, or extend are lawful

Please see Annex A. - Planning Statement

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application:

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5.	

If you consider the existing, or last use is within a 'Use Class' in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended), state which one:

Information About The Proposed Use(s)

If you consider the proposed use is within a 'Use Class' in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended), state which one:

C3 - DWELLING HOUSES

Is the proposed operation or use:

☐ Temporary ☒ Permanent

If temporary please give details:

Please state why you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal:

Please see Annex A. - Planning Statement

8. Description Of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include:

a) The carrying out of building or other operations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes to a, please give detailed description of all such operations (includes the need to describe any proposal to alter or create a new access, layout any new street, construct any associated hard-standings, means of enclosure or means of draining the land/buildings) and indicate on your plans (in the case of a proposed building the plan should indicate the precise siting and exact dimensions):

b) Change of use of the land or building(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes to b, please give a full description of the scale and nature of the proposed use, including the processes to be carried out, any machinery to be installed and the hours the proposed use will be carried out:

If Yes to b, please describe fully the existing or the last known use, with the date this use ceased:

Has the proposal been started? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Planning Application Requirements - Checklist

Please read the following checklist to make sure you have sent all the information in support of your proposal. Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) has been submitted.

The burden of proof in a Lawful Development Certificate is firmly with the applicant and therefore sufficient and precise information should be provided.

The original and 3 copies* of a completed dated application form:

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The original and 3 copies* of such evidence verifying the information included in the application as you can provide:

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The original and 3 copies* of a plan which identifies the land to which the application relates drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of North:

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The correct fee:

☐

*National legislation specifies that the applicant must provide the original plus three copies of the form and supporting documents (a total of four copies), unless the application is submitted electronically or, the LPA indicate that a smaller number of copies is required. LPAs may also accept supporting documents in electronic format by post (for example, on a CD, DVD or USB memory stick). You can check your LPA's website for information or contact their planning department to discuss these options.

10. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for a Lawful Development Certificate as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Signed - Applicant

[Redacted Signature]

Or signed - Agent

[Redacted Signature]

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

22/05/2026

(date cannot be pre-application submission)

WARNING:

The amended section 194 of the 1990 Act provides that it is an offence to furnish false or misleading information or to withhold material information with intent to deceive. Section 193(7) enables the authority to revoke, at any time, a certificate they may have been issued as a result of such false or misleading information.

11. Applicant Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code:

National number:

Extension number:

Country code: Mobile number (optional):

Email address (optional):

12. Agent Contact Details

Telephone numbers

Country code:

National number:

Extension number:

Country code: Mobile number (optional):

Email address (optional):

13. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

☐ Agent

☐ Applicant

☐ Other (if different from the agent/applicant's details)

If Other has been selected, please provide:

Contact name:

MICHAEL OLYEDEMI

Telephone number:

Email address:

ANNEX A.

Planning Statement in support of a Proposed Lawful Development Certificate

This Planning Statement accompanies an application for a Proposed Lawful Development Certificate and sets out the factual and legal basis upon which the Certificate is sought.

The document confirms that the property is currently in lawful use as a single private dwellinghouse (Use Class C3), comprising one self-contained residential planning unit arranged over basement, ground, first and second floors. The dwelling has not been subdivided and contains a single kitchen, shared living accommodation and shared bathroom facilities.

The statement describes the proposed occupation of the property as a small children's home providing residential accommodation and care for a maximum of two children living together as a single household. It demonstrates that the proposed use falls squarely within Use Class C3(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended), being a dwellinghouse occupied by not more than six residents living together as a single household where care is provided.

The statement explains the operational model, including staffing arrangements, and confirms that staff attend on a rota basis solely to provide care and safeguarding support. It clarifies that staffing levels do not determine use class in planning terms and do not alter the character of the dwelling as a single household planning unit.

The document confirms that:

- No subdivision of the dwelling is proposed;
- No additional residential units will be created;
- No institutional or commercial function will arise;
- No operational development is proposed;
- All works are internal, non-structural and cosmetic only;
- There will be no extensions, no enlargement of the building and no external alterations.

The statement addresses the relevant statutory framework, including Section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended), and sets out the legal principles and relevant case law supporting the conclusion that small children's homes operating as single households fall within Class C3(b).

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It further demonstrates that the proposed use does not result in a material change in character, scale or intensity when compared with a conventional dwellinghouse and that the property will remain physically and functionally a single residential planning unit.

The statement concludes that the proposed use and associated internal works are lawful and do not require planning permission.