

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 03/06/2025 10:56 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	19 The Fairway Gravesend Kent DA11 7LN
Proposal:	Change of use from a dwellinghouse to a children's residential care home.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] The Fairway Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	

Comments: I am writing to express my concerns and object to the above planning application change of use from C3 (dwelling house) to C2 (residential care).

Whilst I fully appreciate and understand the need for facilities/provision for such residential care homes, and the aims and ethos to provide safe, loving and supportive environments whilst the children are in need, I believe that the location/situation of the property really isn't suitable & would have a considerable negative impact on the current residential status of the area with the proposals set out in the application.

The proposed change from existing use (C3) to that of a children's residential home (C2) would by its nature, alter the character and general atmosphere of the neighbourhood/road. There will be a significant increase in activity, noise, traffic, visitors (inc professional/healthcare/service provider visitors) along with the associated traffic and parking impacts. Whilst it is appreciated that there is allowance for 2 parking spaces on the front of the property, and further "on street parking in front of the house", as the house is end of terrace, without any side parking, 2 cars would be able to park in the space indicated, however there will be very limited space for access to the front of the house by visitors/the children themselves, carers etc, and the on street parking in the immediate vicinity I can see is mainly in front of other resident's drive-ways/dropped kerbs. There are a very small number of road-side parking spaces in front of houses without dropped kerbs in this area of the road, whilst parking in the road is restricted further problems will be encountered with the proposed number of visitors/carer support workers etc. as set out in the updated Planning Statement (8 staff members) without any visitors to the proposed resident children. The increase in traffic, in an already busy residential street, could lead to further congestion and potential safety risks, in particular to children and the elderly.

Having considered the recommendations contained in the Kent Police consultation document, I am extremely concerned for the safety of residents/children/elderly currently living in the area. It appears from the Kent Police reply there could be an increased possibility of anti-social behaviour, in a quiet residential street where such anti-social behaviour currently is almost

unheard of. I would be extremely interested to understand if the applicants will be carrying out the recommendations set out in the Kent Police consultation reply document.

Another concern is in relation to the generation of noise from the children's residential care home, which may by its very nature, will cause greater noise than that created in a residential family/home dwelling. This will impact the immediate neighbours greatly, and noise will be exacerbated by the use of the outbuilding which is to be repurposed in the small rear garden. This building is currently in a state of disrepair, & guidance would be appreciated as how this will be "repurposed" & timescale for these works to be carried out. It is stated that secure bicycle storage will be provided, or the outbuilding will be used for such storage - again further explanation of how this would work when the outbuilding is to be repurposed as set out in the planning statement as an activity/therapy room.

Could further explanation be provided for the ground floor room use at the rear of the house for "office space". Looking at the plans, there doesn't appear to be a separate ground floor room, but one larger kitchen/space across the rear of the property. Confidentiality and the nature of the proposed business commercial activity would be paramount, and how could the welfare of the resident children be discussed confidentially in such an open space?

During the recent/current development/construction works at the property, there has been little consideration given to the existing residents/neighbours whilst this work over the last few months/ years has been carried out, and my concern is that there will be a similar lacking in consideration going forward by Super Young Minds if permission is granted to operate this property as a children's residential home.

There is very little available on the Super Young Minds website to provide information on the services/care/ethos etc. and again further explanation from the applicant would be appreciated by the residents on the practicalities of the services they provide.

I look forward to receiving further information/answers from GBC, and again reiterate my objection to this application.

Kind regards