

Planning Statement to Gravesham Planning Authority

Introduction

This statement provides detailed information regarding our proposal to set up a child residential care home at 56 Colyer Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 8AY. Our intention is to transform the property into a nurturing and supportive environment for two children, with dedicated staff members ensuring their welfare and development.

Description of the Property

The property in question is a semi-detached residence with:

- Three sizable double bedrooms and a bathroom located upstairs.
- A long kitchen area and separate dining area and living room.
- A versatile room at the rear of the house, currently designated as an office/bedroom, which includes an ensuite.
- Two dedicated parking spaces at the rear to accommodate our staff and visitors. Along with on road parking in front of the house
- An outbuilding, which will be repurposed as a dynamic activity room tailored to the needs and interests of the children residing in the home

Usage of the Property

Residential Care: Our primary aim is to house and care for two children, ensuring their physical, emotional, and psychological well-being. The three bedrooms upstairs will provide ample space, with one room for each child and one reserved for the carer/support worker.

Activity Room: The outbuilding will be a dynamic space tailored to cater to the unique needs of each child. Depending on the child's needs, this could be transformed into a gym, therapy room, or treatment room. This ensures that the children receive the specific care and support they require.

Administrative & Support: The ground floor room at the rear of the house will serve as an office space for administrative tasks and can be used as an additional bedroom if necessary.

Staffing

We intend to employ eight staff members:

Care Home Manager: (staff member 1) Responsible for overseeing the overall functioning of the home, ensuring compliance with care standards, and liaising with local authorities and other stakeholders.

Senior Support Worker: (staff member 2) They will play an instrumental role in managing and supporting both the manager and support staff.

Carer/Support Workers: (staff members 3 through 8) These roles will focus on the day-to-day care of the children. Their responsibilities include ensuring the children's welfare, offering emotional support, and assisting with educational and recreational activities.

Purpose & Vision

Our residential care home's central mission is to provide a sanctuary for children in need – a place where they feel loved, safe, and supported. We believe that with the right environment, every child can thrive, and our home aims to be that safe haven. Our property, with its tailored facilities, coupled with our dedicated team, will work tirelessly to nurture and support the holistic development of each child.

In conclusion, our proposal seeks to provide not just a residence, but a home for children. A place where their unique needs are understood and catered to. We humbly request Gravesham Planning Authority's support in this endeavour, ensuring a brighter future for the children in our care.

Additional Note

Please note that there will be no significant work carried out to the internal or external area of the property. This would simply be a change of use of the property.