

Planning, Design and Access Statement

2 Normans Close, Gravesend

Change of use of part of the garage for use as an office associated with the lawful use of the bungalow as Class C3B.

Introduction

The change of use from C3(a) to C3(b) has been approved as being a lawful change.

This application is for a change of use of a section of the garage to be used as office space associated with the care of children within the home.

The garage is located to the rear of the bungalow.



The proposed use.

A small office area is to be formed within the garage which will be accessed via the existing pedestrian access door. Staff only will have access to the office which will be where records on staff shifts and holiday allocations, staff contact details, records on the children under care and to make confidential phone calls about the care provision from the office.

Some information about the care provider. Hazelmont Social Care Ltd provided 24 hour a day, 7 days a week care for three young people living in the bungalow.

This care operator aims to provide each of the young people in their care with a nurturing and therapeutic environment as close as possible to a family home. Some young people who come into the care of Hazelmont Social Care Ltd are unable to live with their natural parents (or Carers) for a wide variety of reasons. Consequently, they have to be placed into the care of Local Authority Social Services. Individual staff members within Hazelmont Social Care Ltd have built up a past history in excess of 25 years in the childcare industry.

Hazlemont Social Care Ltd's ethos is that all children should have fun, be cared for and loved by people who understand their individual needs so that the children have positive experience in a calm and loving family setting to build genuine, safe and trusting relationships.

The company believe in nurturing the hearts and minds of children and young people that come into care and putting them at the heart of everything they do. They are committed to each child being regarded as an individual, treated equally, with respect, and to receive person centred and solution focused care that is unique to the child. All of Hazelmont' Social Care Ltd's children and young people in care are empowered to have the opportunity to think independently and make their own choices. Hazlemont Social Care Ltd ensure that children in their care will be provided with the same fundamental rights as those not living in a children's home.

Design

There are no external alterations required to the garage. Internally, stud walling will be erected to separate the office area from the garage and the walls and ceiling will be lined with insulated plasterboard and Rockwool insulation installed into the new stud wall and above the ceiling to provide thermal insulation.

Access

The property is located within easy reach of public transport facilities, walking distance of local schools and the town centre amenities.

Access to the garage will be via the rear door of the bungalow across the garden to the pedestrian door of the garage. The rear garden is securely fenced with 1.8 metres close boarded fencing and tall walls.

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