

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED USE

Please note that this document has been submitted as part of the planning application because the application could not be validated without it.

There are no structural alterations, extensions, or external changes proposed to the property. This application relates solely to a change of use from a residential dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to Sui Generis.

It will operate as a base from which staff will provide structured support and teach independence and life skills to children and young people in care. The building will be used for daytime support, training and mentoring activities.

The proposed change of use does not involve any physical alterations to the building or the surrounding area.

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As discussed during our call, the property will be used as a base for independent living skills for young people leaving the care system.

Our working-office would not be appropriate to accommodate such skills as cooking and baking as it does not have a full kitchen - nor would it be appropriate due to the confidential nature of telephone conversations and meetings that take place in the office.

The property will also offer the space to have small group sessions with the young people, covering subjects that will assist in their development, for example, finance; emotional health; safeguarding incorporating online risks such as grooming and radicalisation; substance misuse; education and training etc. There are many factors that impact the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable young people and preparation is key.

Many young people leave foster and residential care ill-equipped to manage alone, thankfully many of our foster carers agree to their fostered children staying with them post 18, however, occasionally young people want to vote with their feet when they reach 18. It's our duty, and that of the local authority, to ensure that we have offered all that we can to equip these young people with knowledge and skills that they will need when living independently - sadly, often in isolation.

It will not be used as a residential setting ie staff staying overnight with young people. It may be that our post 18 young people can have an overnight stay on their own occasionally, in preparation for moving on. Albeit, the main aim of the property is that of providing advice, guidance and practical skills within a real house situation.