

Corner Stone Children's Home – Impact Statement

The change of use of the property to a children's care home will have no external alterations or extensions. The proposed children's home will have no impact on noise, disturbance or anti-social behaviour associated with the use of the property as a children's care home. The ethos behind this type of accommodation is to allow children to live in a situation as close to a family home as possible. The proposed children's home would not have any significant adverse impact to neighbouring properties above and beyond that which could result if the property was used as a dwellinghouse.

There are many similarities in how children's homes operate to a normal family home in that children have private bedrooms, would undertake full time education and partake in group activities within and outside the home.

The site is located within a sustainable location, within an established residential area, and would largely operate in a similar manner to a family home, and it is therefore plausible to consider that the application should be acceptable in principle.

Corner Stone Children's Homes are intending to register a new residential children's home available for looked after children on behalf of the local authority at the above-named address. We will call the home Yellowstone House. We do currently have a 13 yr old autistic child in the home.

The proposed children's home will be registered and regulated by the regulatory body Ofsted in line with the requirements under the Care Standards Act 2000 and Children's Home Regulations 2015. The proposed home will be registered for one child who will be supported by a support workers at the home on a rota'd shift pattern. The child living at the home will be suitability matched to the location and skillset of the trained staff team to ensure the home can support the child in line with the home statement of purpose.

The change of use of a dwellinghouse to another form of residential living, whilst resulting in the loss of a single-family home, the child living at the home will have no significant impact on the local community and will be consistent with a typical small family living in a residential community. The home will use the ample driveway parking. The staff shift changes in the morning will be consistent with typical expected vehicle

movements of a small family within a local community that would usually be traveling to school or a place of work. The home will be managed by the management and senior leadership team that are experienced in supporting children in residential children's homes. The use of the property would provide care for children, it is considered that it would in effect still be largely serving as a residential property, with many similarities in

how children's homes operate to a normal family home. It is not therefore considered that a refusal on these grounds should not be sustained in this case.

Included in our home, we have one ensuite bedroom in the loft area for the child, a dining room, kitchen, lounge, and an office which is also the staff bedroom for the

one sleeping staff of a night, and our own sensory room. The outdoor space is large with lots for the child to do.