SECURITY STATEMENT

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1.0 Introduction

This Security Statement has been prepared by Inhaus Planning on behalf of Praveen Videlap to accompany the application for Full Planning Permission for the proposed children's residential care home at 29 Cartmel Close, Bolton, BL9 8JA. The purpose of this document is to set out the security arrangements that will be implemented at the property to protect young people, staff, and the wider community.

The security arrangements described in this document have been designed in accordance with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, the National Minimum Standards for children's homes, and the principle of a homely environment that balances the safety of young people with their right to privacy, autonomy, and freedom from unnecessary restriction.

2.0 Approach to Security

The provider's approach to security is grounded in the concept of relational security, which recognises that the safety of a residential care environment depends primarily on the quality of relationships between staff and young people, and the staff team's knowledge of each young person's needs, behaviours, and circumstances. Physical security measures are implemented to support and supplement relational security, not to replace it.

Security measures at the home will be proportionate to the assessed needs and risk profiles of the young people placed there. The home will not implement institutional security features such as door-coded entry systems, perimeter fencing, CCTV monitoring of residents, or any other measures that would compromise the domestic character of the property or intrude upon the dignity and privacy of young people. The property will retain its residential appearance and character at all times.

3.0 Staffing and Supervision

The primary security measure at the home is the continuous presence of trained, attentive staff operating on a minimum 1:1 staffing ratio. Staff are trained to maintain awareness of young people's whereabouts, emotional states, and behavioural patterns, and to identify and respond to any potential security risks before they materialise.

During night-time hours, a member of staff will be present in the sleep-in room on the first floor, awake and available to respond to any incident or concern. The sleeping-in arrangement ensures that no period of the day or night passes without active adult supervision of the home, providing a level of security that significantly exceeds that of an ordinary family dwelling.

4.0 Access and Visitor Management

Access to the home will be managed through a clear visitor protocol. All visitors — including social workers, healthcare professionals, family members, and contractors — will be required to make arrangements in advance and will be met at the door by a member of staff. Unannounced visits from individuals who are not known to staff will not be admitted without appropriate identity verification and,

where necessary, a DBS check.

A visitor log will be maintained recording the name, purpose, and time of all visits to the property. This log will be reviewed regularly by the Registered Manager and will be available for inspection by Ofsted. Family contact visits will be arranged in accordance with each young person's care plan and will be supervised in accordance with any court order or risk assessment relevant to the individual.

5.0 Physical Security Measures

The property will be fitted with appropriate domestic security measures including secure door and window locks, an intruder alarm connected to a monitored response service, and adequate external lighting to the front and rear of the property. These measures are consistent with good domestic security practice and are designed to protect the property and its occupants without creating an institutional appearance.

No external security fencing, CCTV cameras directed at neighbouring properties, or other non-domestic security infrastructure will be installed at the property. Any security equipment installed will be proportionate, discreet, and consistent with the domestic character of the dwelling and the surrounding residential area.

6.0 Safeguarding and Risk Management

The security of the home is closely integrated with the broader safeguarding framework described in the accompanying Care Management Plan. Risk assessments for individual young people will address any specific security-related risks, including risks associated with unwanted contact from individuals outside the home, contextual risks such as exploitation or gang involvement, and any risks arising from the young person's own behaviour.

The home will maintain up-to-date risk assessments for the property and its environment, reviewing these assessments following any incident or significant change in circumstances. The Registered Manager will maintain oversight of all security matters and will report any security incidents to Ofsted in accordance with the notification requirements of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.

7.0 Incident Response

In the event of any security incident at the property — whether involving an unauthorised visitor, an attempted intrusion, or any other threat to the safety of young people or staff — the member of staff on duty will follow a clear incident response procedure. This procedure will include immediate steps to ensure the safety of young people, notification of Greater Manchester Police where appropriate, and notification of the Registered Manager.

All security incidents will be recorded in the home's incident log and reviewed by the Registered Manager. Any pattern of security incidents or any single incident of significant severity will be escalated to the responsible individual and to Ofsted. Learning from security incidents will be incorporated into the review of the home's risk assessments and security arrangements.

8.0 Conclusion

The security arrangements described in this Statement are appropriate, proportionate, and consistent with the domestic character of the proposed home. The combination of continuous professional staffing, a robust visitor management protocol, and appropriate physical security measures provides a high level of protection for young people and staff without compromising the residential character of the property or the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood.

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council is invited to conclude that the security arrangements proposed for the home are consistent with best practice in children's residential care and do not give rise to any material planning concern.