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Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
382177	404660

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Miss

First name

stacey

Surname

duncan

Company Name

Director

Address

Address line 1

1192 Rochdale Road

Address line 2

Manchester

Address line 3

Town/City

M9 6FR

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

M9 6FR

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Description of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include, the carrying out of building or other operations?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does the proposal consist of, or include, a change of use of the land or building(s)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please give a full description of the scale and nature of the proposed use, including the processes to be carried out, any machinery to be installed and the hours the proposed use will be carried out

This application seeks a Lawful Development Certificate to confirm that the property can also be used as a children's care home (Class C2), in addition to its current use as a standard residential dwelling (Class C3).

The care use will be for up to two children under the age of 18 who require supported care in a three bedroomed property. The proposal involves no physical or external alterations to the property.

Class C2 includes the personal care of children. Staffing will involve full-time carers working on shifts. There will always be at least one member of staff on site at all times, with two staff members present at any one time. One of the three bedrooms will be used as a staff bedroom and office.

This use is expected to create minimal additional activity, likely no more than what would typically occur in a family home. Therefore, the change of use could be considered not materially different, even though it falls under a different planning use class.

Please have a look at the supporting statement for more details.

If Yes, please fully describe the existing or the last known use, with the date when this use ceased

The property is currently in single residential use (Use Class C3 dwelling house), floor plans are attached. It is a three bedroom, two- storey semi detached house, with the following features:

2 reception rooms
1 kitchen/dining
3 bedrooms
Main bathroom
W/C

Has the proposal been started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Grounds for Application

Information about the existing use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter or extend are lawful

The property has been used as a single residential dwelling, which falls within Class C3 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order. There is no evidence that the use has ever changed to a different use class, and the property has functioned as a home in a normal residential capacity. The use of the property as a dwelling is therefore lawful, as it has been continuously occupied and used for residential purposes in accordance with planning legislation. No planning permission was required for this established residential use, and it remains consistent with the definition of C3 dwellinghouses.

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application

There are no internal or external proposed changes, no building work, this is only a change of use so the supporting documents are:
Location Plan
Floor Plan
Details of proposed service
Supporting statement

Select the use class that relates to the existing or last use.

C3 - Dwellinghouses

Information about the proposed use(s)

Select the use class that relates to the proposed use.

C2 - Residential institutions

Is the proposed operation or use

- ☒ Permanent
☐ Temporary

Why do you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal?

This application seeks a Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for the proposed use of a C3 dwellinghouse as a childrens care home for up to two children under 18, with staff support on a shift basis (maximum 2 at any one time)
No physical changes or building works are proposed.
I believe a LDC should be granted for the following reasons:
No Material Change of Use
The proposed use is very similar in character and intensity to that of a family home. No more than two children will live at the property. The number and role of staff on-site are comparable to adults living in a family home, maintaining a domestic setting. Activity, traffic, and parking impact will be comparable to typical C3 use.
Under Section 55(1) of the TCPA 1990, a material change of use constitutes development. In this case, the proposed use is not materially different, so it may not constitute development at all.

Falls Within Use Class C2 – Care
The use falls under Use Class C2 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987, which includes: “residential accommodation and care for people in need, including the personal care of children.”

Supported by previous Case Law
Courts have found that small care homes with limited staff (e.g. for children) are comparable to ordinary residential use: North Devon DC v First Secretary of State [2003]
R (Crawley BC) v First Secretary of State [2004]

The proposed use:
Does not involve physical development
Does not materially change the character of the use Falls within lawful planning parameters
The LDC should therefore be granted to confirm the use as lawful, in line with planning legislation and to meet OFSTED compliance requirements. Therefore the Lawful Development Certificate should state that the property is lawful dwelling for a C2 use LDC.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
(b) an elected member
(c) related to a member of staff
(d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- ☐ Owner
☒ Lessee
☐ Occupier
☐ Other

If Lessee or Occupier, please give details of the owner and state whether they have been informed in writing of this application

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Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Proposed use as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

stacey duncan

Date

12/11/2025

Amendments Summary

I have included more details about the proposed service, in particular information to support that the house will operate similar to the other residential houses on the street and will have no impact on the surrounding properties. I have included a planning statement and floor plans.