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FAO: Planning Officer – Rebecca Owens

Dear Rebecca,

Please find attached my report in respect of the removal of condition for the above Children's Home at 16 The Park, Treharris.

If you have any queries in respect of the report, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks again

Joy



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18th April 2023

Planning Officer: **Rebecca Owens**

Planning Department

Merthyr Tydfil CBC

RE: P/23/0055 | Removal of condition 2 of planning permission P/20/0102 to allow the use to continue permanently | 16 The Park Treharris CF46 5RH

Dear Rebecca,

South Wales Police have reviewed the following documents in relation to the above application.

- Application Form
- Submitted Plan
- Supplementary Information

South Wales Police will always support the need for safe, secure and well managed care provision and would wish to work with the authority and care home providers to achieve this outcome.

It is a fact that children and young people in care are some of the most vulnerable in society. Many will be in need of support and some will be subject to the Child Protection Register. Children and Young People who go missing or are absent, may face increased vulnerability and it is at these times that they can be exposed to increased risk of harm, or danger. As such it is the duty of care home/support staff and foster carers to respond to these situations and act as an appropriate parent would. It is therefore, absolutely necessary to ensure that all children's care homes provide for a safe, secure, supportive and well managed accommodation, as both the Police and local authority Children's Services have limited resources, to deal with what is seen to be an increasing problem.

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I have liaised with the relevant departments within South Wales Police and although no objection is being made in respect of this application, the following recommendation is based on the proposed, likely or potential risks associated with this it and the current crime profile for the area.

The below table highlights the crime profile for the Treharris Ward. This information has been taken from the **Police.UK** website and shows the number of reported crimes for the 12 month period of March 2022 to February 2023.

Anti-Social Behaviour	40
Burglary	15
Criminal Damage & Arson	31
Drugs	5
Violence & Sexual Offences	171
Public Order	38
Other Theft	25
Robbery	1
Vehicle Crime	18
Theft from the Person	1
Other Crime	14

If a decision is made by the Planning Committee to approve the application, South Wales Police would respectfully request that as a minimum requirement, a condition is set as part of the Planning Terms and Conditions, to ensure that a Management Plan (agreed by both Children's Services, Merthyr Tydfil CBC and the Chief Constable of South Wales Police) is put in place, to ensure that the safeguarding of the children residing at the premises is given the highest priority.

SWP Proposed Management Plan Terms:

- Staff must be suitably qualified to work with children and young persons who have additional emotional needs and must be suitably vetted.
- There are no less than two staff on duty between 0700hrs and 0800hrs to prepare children for school, or between 1430hrs and 2230hrs.
- There are no less than 3 staff on duty at weekends and during school holidays and normally no less than 2 waking staff at night, to provide support to the children.
- Vehicles are to be legally parked, where they cause no obstruction to other road users or residents.
- **As per "Regulation 28 of The Children's Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002"** - Information should be kept for all children on a "Child Information Form" which would include the most up to date photograph of the child. This is available from the Children's Services Department of the Local Authority and must be kept up to date

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and information amended to reflect any changes. This Form (CIF) must be readily available for Police to receive should a child be reported missing, whether that is by telephone or by officers visiting the premises. These plans should be kept on site as they will also include details of any medical arrangements for a child. Data Protection legislation will apply to any documentation of this confidential nature.

Policy Support:

- The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 created a statutory partnership between local authorities, the police and other key partners to work together in reducing crime and disorder in all aspects of their work.
- Section 17 of the Act states:
“It is the duty of the authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect on crime and disorder in its area and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder.”
- TAN 12 Design. Para 5.17.1 “Local authorities are required to have due regard to crime and disorder prevention in the exercise of their functions under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Consideration should be given to practical ways in which the design of development can reduce opportunities for crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.”
- Planning Policy Wales
- 4.10.12 Local Authorities under Legal Obligation to consider the need to prevent and reduce crime and disorder.....
- 8.2.1. – Transport – Provision of safe, convenient and well signed routes
- 9.1.1. –Housing – Objective to provide homes that are in good condition, in safe neighbourhoods and sustainable communities
- 9.1.2. Housing – Greater emphasis on quality, good design, and the creation of places to live that are safe and attractive

Yours sincerely

Joy Nicholls
Designing-Out Crime Officer
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