Didsbury Therapy Partnership

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Further information in support of change of use for 829a Wilmslow Road from a residential into sui-genesis office premises

I am submitting the following additional information in support of the change of use proposal submitted:

1. *The practice being established is based on existing successful therapy practice in Didsbury which involves two qualified and experienced counsellors/psychotherapists. The business premises we are seeking to establish, which we intend to call The Synthesise Centre, based on the particular therapeutic modality we work with (psychosynthesis) is to provide one specific location for the practice, close to public transport interconnections (East Didsbury Station and the bus stop close to 829a Wilmslow Road). The majority of our clients use public transport and we wish to further encourage this use. The therapy practice primarily operates Monday to Friday from 9.0am – 18.30pm from Monday to Friday, but we need the flexibility to work with clients who are only available outside normal working hours so we require the facility to work from 8.0am in the morning until 21.30pm in the evening. Weekend use will be exceptional for therapeutic work but we do need to have the flexibility to work with clients over a weekend should that be required on specific occasions.*
2. *We also require premises with a room which will accommodate up to 12 people in order to establish supervision and training groups (which will be pre-booked and contain 4-12 members) and kitchen/bathroom facilities. These groups will be occasional and will primarily take place over weekends between 9.0am and 6.30pm but we require the flexibility to organise training or supervision groups during the working days and on occasions in the evenings which is why the proposal states lengthy times for business opening hours.*
3. *Two dedicated parking spaces are available through the Gaeia Partnership and designated specifically for the use of 829a. Because of the proximity of the premises to our home, both therapists working from 829a will be coming on foot leaving two spaces available for clients with appointments at the premises. Four additional Gaeia parking spaces are also available from 6.0pm in the evening and at weekends. In terms of additional parking for people travelling by car to the premises for training or*

supervision groups, there is on street parking available on Parswood Road as well as in the Tesco Supermarket car park which is two minutes walk from 829a.

Training and supervision groups will be occasional and mostly taking place in evenings or at weekends when car parking on Parswood Road is particularly available. Our proximity to the train station and bus stop means that we anticipate that the majority of people who book to attend training and supervision events, like the therapy practice, will come by public transport.

4. *829a Wilmslow Road is particularly suited to the sort of business we wish to establish through Synthesise because a therapy practice requires pleasant and informal rooms for clients and the sort of training space we require is one which has a relaxed and informal feel to it. Kitchen and bathroom facilities to a good standard are also vital. The pre-booked nature of our activities means that we do not require a specific waiting room area and our administrative work will be undertaken within the designated therapy and training rooms.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information at this point.

Yours faithfully

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