



NEW MOON
RESIDENTIAL
New Day, New Start, New Future

Planning Application Statement:

Date: 10.03.2025

Planning Address: 1 Brett Street, Northenden, Manchester, M22 4EY

To whom it may concern,

We are intending on obtaining planning / a certificate of lawful use (C3b), to enable us to use the premises / home as an OFSTED Regulated Residential Children's home in which we intend to accommodate one child between the ages of 8 and 17.

The intention of an OFSTED regulated Residential Children's Home is to create, as closely as possible, a family type home environment, to provide looked after children / vulnerable children with the best possible life chances and opportunities.

Our two existing homes are registered with OFSTED. Each property must be registered individually, rather than all homes operated by New Moon Residential being registered as a single business. Eclipse House, our home in Cheadle, recently underwent its second inspection, during which we maintained our Ofsted "Good" rating. We have also been inspected at our Chorlton-Cum-Hardy home, Lunar House, and received a "Good" rating in all areas.

Once we are registered at No.1 Brett Street, OFSTED will periodically inspect our service to assess us for best practice; furthermore, we will be required to be independently inspected once per month to ensure that we are operating safely, and in the best interest of the children, the staff and any other persons associated.

The home will be staffed 24/7/365; generally, there will be two staff on duty at any given time. During office hours, i.e., Monday-Friday 09:00-17:00, there will also be a manager working in the home; there will never be more than three persons sleeping in the home overnight at any one time (one child and two staff); generally we expect this to be two at a maximum, but we believe it prudent to be prepared for a worst-case scenario.

Staff will work on a rota basis, with a schedule of two days on shift followed by four days off, rotating within the staffing team. This arrangement will help reduce traffic and foot flow in the home and the local area. Additionally, the home's manager will supplement the day-to-day staff team during office hours.

Most of our staff members walk, cycle, or take public transport to work as we encourage them to minimise their personal carbon footprints. The fact that the majority of our staff live locally, within walking distance, means they can do so without the need for a car and thereby minimises parking concerns. While direct parking is available in front of the property and surrounding streets, which are unmarked roads, we do not envisage this to be an issue.

The home has two bedrooms, one of which will be designated for children and the other for staff.

The downstairs areas of the home are spacious, providing space for various uses such as an office and staff sleep area, a large lounge, dining room, and kitchen.

The home is gated, similar to other homes on the street, and features a private rear garden. As a corner plot, the home has extra garden space and offers a good balance between seclusion and integration within the street and local neighbourhood. We believe that this layout is a huge positive for the children who may live with us, providing a secure and welcoming environment.

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There will be some visitors to the home at undefined timescales, the parents / family members of the child and their social workers / health workers for example – we do not expect this to be excessive and, as mentioned, the intention is for the home to resemble a family home as much as is reasonably possible.

Outside of our walls, we do not expect there to be any difference in operations as children already live in the home in its current state (it is currently already a family home) - the home will not look any different aesthetically and passers-by would not notice any difference whatsoever. There will be no structural changes, with the only addition being fire safety equipment installed internally.

Visitors to the home may arrive at unspecified times. For a clearer understanding, based on the logbook from our four-placement home, we typically accommodate around eighteen visitors per month, including:

- The parents / family members of the children
- Their social workers and health workers
- Therapist supporting staff and children.
- Home tutor
- Reg 44 visitor
- Hazardous waste removal (sanitary bins)
- Maintenance personnel
- Gardener
- Window cleaner

We anticipate that No1 Breet street, being a one-placement home, will have significantly fewer visitors. As mentioned, we do not expect this to be excessive, as our intention is for the home to resemble a family environment as much as reasonably possible.

We appreciate that Residential Children's Homes can, and do have a stigma / stereotype attached, however, it is important to identify that we exist as we want to make a difference to the lives of children and create a family home environment for these disadvantaged and vulnerable children.

As a trauma-informed provider, we do not expect the profile of children living with us to be 'risky' or 'extreme.' Our model employs a therapeutic approach to support our most vulnerable children who are in need of care and nurture. We do not anticipate any antisocial behaviour and will not tolerate such conduct.

Additionally, as a clinical psychology-led service provider that specialises in trauma-informed practices. Our comprehensive understanding of developmental trauma utilises the Attachment, Regulation, and Competency (ARC) model. We are strong advocates of PACE (Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, and Empathy) and have a highly trained staff team that has seamlessly embedded our trauma-informed approach into their practice.

Our senior management team brings over 30 years of combined experience in residential care, with a proven track record of delivering good and outstanding services. We are dedicated to providing the highest quality of care for all our children and work tirelessly to ensure they receive the support and guidance they need to succeed.

Our modern, renovated homes are strategically located in desirable central / suburban areas to provide the best opportunities for our children to thrive. The tranquil and welcoming environment fosters a sense of belonging and pride in their home, featuring double bedrooms, giving children the space they need to appreciate their independence. We are committed to providing homes in areas that our children can be proud - places where they can feel comfortable, safe, and supported.

To ensure a smooth integration into the home and local community, each child will undergo an impact risk assessment prior to placement. This evaluation considers the home environment, community dynamics, peer groups, and the unique needs of each child.

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The children are expected to reside at the property on a long-term basis. The intended purpose of the dwelling is not as a halfway house or emergency housing rather a stable and supportive home.

During the day it is expected that the children would engage in various activities, plus attend a mainstream or special school. Each individual child's circumstances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with steps taken to provide the necessary support required. Where a child has missed an extensive proportion of their education or are affected in a way that they could not work effectively in a classroom environment, they could be tutored from home for a period. This would be achieved online without any tutors having to come to the house. They may then progress to a specialist unit (smaller class sizes) then hopefully onto mainstream. In cases where children may have a home tutor, this is no different from an ordinary family who chooses to have their children educated at home. It makes no difference to the planning status of the use.

It is important to recognise that before a care home can commence operations, it must secure approval from OFSTED, which holds regulatory powers beyond standard planning controls. OFSTED mandates a local risk assessment to determine the suitability of the area for a children's care home. Consequently, planning is not the sole mechanism governing the appropriateness of the location. This involves consultation with local police and social services departments. There will also be an impact risk assessment for each child where a referral has been made. This impact assessment considers all the child's needs and looks at the compatibility of the location and the children already within the home.

We are happy to have open lines of communication with all neighbours, indeed, we are already familiar with all of the neighbours - we endeavour to be a positive part of the local community.

We are a caring and passionate organisation, and we take great pride in providing the best possible care to children. We currently operate two residential children's homes in Stockport, Cheadle, and Manchester, Chorlton, where placements are facilitated by Stockport and Manchester City Council. We have established excellent relationships with the councils and look forward to working in partnership to provide the best possible service for local children who reside with us.

As you review our application for approval, we respectfully ask that you consider our organisation's commitment to addressing the issue of unregulated children's homes operating within our community. We are actively collaborating with OFSTED and local authorities to ensure that all children's homes comply with regulations and provide the necessary support and services for our most vulnerable children. We trust that you will support this application for a lawful development to establish this much-needed facility.

If you have any queries, I will welcome the opportunity to discuss them further.

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