

Crescent Meadow

CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL

Statement of Purpose and Planning Supporting Statement
Supporting Planning Application – Change of Use (C3 → C2)

Address:
Glenmorag
6 Moor Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester
Provider: Crescent Meadow Children's Home Ltd
Company Number: 16915343
Capacity: Maximum 3 Young People
Age Range: 8–17 Years

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Part 2

This is a live document and will be reviewed and updated from time to time as necessary

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document sets out the Statement of Purpose and planning supporting information for **Crescent Meadow Children's Home**, proposed at **Glenmorag House, 6 Moor Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester.**

The application seeks planning permission for a change of use from **Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to Use Class C2 (Residential Institution)** in order to operate a small residential children's home. The home will accommodate a **maximum of three young people aged between 8 and 17 years** who require residential care and support.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home has been designed to provide a **safe, nurturing and stable living environment** for young people who may be unable to live with their families due to safeguarding concerns, trauma, neglect or family breakdown. Many young people entering residential care have experienced instability and disruption in their lives, and the purpose of the home is to provide the stability, structure and supportive relationships needed to help them rebuild trust and develop emotional resilience.

The home will operate as a **small family-style residential setting**, where young people are supported by a consistent and experienced staff team. Staff will work closely with social workers, education providers, healthcare professionals and other relevant agencies to ensure that each young person receives coordinated support that reflects their individual needs and care plans.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to create a positive environment where young people feel **valued, respected and supported to achieve their potential**. The home will promote education, wellbeing, independence skills and healthy relationships, helping young people to build confidence and prepare for adulthood.

The proposed home will operate in a manner that is consistent with a **typical family household**, with day-to-day routines reflecting normal domestic living arrangements. With only two to three young people living in the home, the scale and character of the property will remain consistent with the surrounding residential neighbourhood.

2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will operate in accordance with the **Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015** and the associated **Children's Homes Quality Standards**, which establish the statutory framework for the provision of residential care for children and young people in England. These regulations set out the requirements for the safe management of children's homes and ensure that services provide high-quality care that promotes the welfare, safety and development of the young people living within them.

The home will be registered with **Ofsted** and will comply with all regulatory requirements relating to safeguarding, leadership and management, staffing, care planning, and the suitability of the accommodation provided.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will also operate in line with national safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance, including **Working Together to Safeguard Children**, and will work collaboratively with placing authorities, safeguarding partners and relevant professionals to ensure that the welfare of each young person remains the central priority of the service.

Through adherence to these regulatory frameworks and safeguarding standards, Crescent Meadow Children's Home will ensure that the service is delivered safely, responsibly and in accordance with the expectations placed upon registered residential children's homes.

3. PURPOSE OF THE HOME

The purpose of **Crescent Meadow Children's Home** is to provide a safe, stable and supportive residential environment for children and young people who require care outside of their family home. The home has been established to support young people aged **8 to 17 years** who may be unable to live with their families due to safeguarding concerns, family breakdown, trauma or other complex circumstances.

Many young people entering residential care have experienced significant challenges in their lives, which may include abuse, neglect, disrupted family relationships or multiple placement breakdowns. These experiences can have a profound impact on a young person's emotional development, sense of safety and ability to form trusting relationships.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to provide a nurturing and structured environment where young people can begin to rebuild trust, develop emotional resilience and experience the stability that may previously have been missing from their lives. Through consistent routines, positive relationships with staff and a supportive living environment, the home seeks to promote each young person's wellbeing, personal development and sense of belonging.

The home will focus on supporting young people to build confidence, develop life skills and engage positively with education, community activities and relationships. By providing stability, guidance and encouragement, Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to support young people in developing the skills and independence needed to achieve positive outcomes and move forward into adulthood with confidence.

4. Vision and Ethos

The vision of **Crescent Meadow Children's Home** is to provide a nurturing residential environment where children and young people feel safe, valued and supported to achieve their full potential. The home aims to create a positive and stable living environment in which young people are encouraged to develop confidence, emotional resilience and a strong sense of self-worth.

The ethos of the home is centred on the belief that every young person deserves to experience consistent care, meaningful relationships and opportunities for personal development. Staff work to create an environment where young people feel respected, listened to and supported in overcoming the challenges they may have experienced earlier in their lives.

The care provided at Crescent Meadow Children's Home is guided by several key principles:

- **Child-centred care** – Each young person is recognised as an individual with their own experiences, needs and aspirations. Care and support are tailored to reflect the young person's care plan and personal goals.
- **Stability and consistency** – Many young people entering residential care have experienced disruption or instability. The home aims to provide a consistent environment where routines, expectations and supportive relationships help young people feel secure.
- **Respect and dignity** – Young people are treated with respect, fairness and understanding. Their views and feelings are valued and they are encouraged to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- **Emotional support and resilience** – Staff support young people in developing healthy coping strategies and emotional resilience. Through positive relationships and guidance, young people are encouraged to understand and manage their emotions in constructive ways.
- **Positive development** – The home promotes education, independence skills, social development and wellbeing. Young people are encouraged to set goals, recognise their progress and develop the confidence needed to move forward in their lives. Through these principles, staff aim to build trusting and supportive relationships with young people that help them feel safe, develop resilience and achieve positive outcomes during their time at Crescent Meadow Children's Home.

Vision and Values

Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to provide a safe, nurturing, and stable environment where young people can recover from trauma, develop resilience, and achieve their potential.

The home is guided by the following principles:

- safety and safeguarding
- therapeutic and trauma-informed care
- respect and dignity
- promoting independence
- supporting education and personal development

5. TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Many children and young people who enter residential care have experienced significant adversity in their lives, which may include trauma, neglect, loss, disrupted relationships or instability within previous placements. These experiences can affect a young person's emotional wellbeing, behaviour and ability to form trusting relationships with others.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home adopts a **trauma-informed approach to care,** recognising that behaviour is often influenced by past experiences and unmet emotional needs. Staff aim to understand the underlying causes of behaviour and respond in a supportive and reflective manner that prioritises the young person's emotional wellbeing and sense of safety.

Staff working within the home receive training to develop their understanding of trauma and attachment, enabling them to respond appropriately to the emotional and developmental needs of young people. Through consistent relationships, clear boundaries and supportive guidance, staff work to create an environment where young people feel safe, respected and understood.

This approach focuses on building trusting relationships, supporting young people to develop emotional regulation skills and encouraging positive behaviour through understanding, consistency and encouragement. By providing a stable and nurturing environment, Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to help young people develop resilience, improve their wellbeing and move forward in a positive direction.

Working with External Professionals

Crescent Meadow recognises the importance of partnership working in meeting the needs of young people. The home will work closely with external professionals including **social workers, education providers and schools, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), therapists, health professionals, and the relevant local authority**. Staff will communicate regularly with these professionals and contribute to care planning, reviews, and multi-agency meetings to ensure that each young person receives coordinated, consistent, and effective support that promotes their wellbeing, safety, and development.

6. PLACEMENT MATCHING

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will accommodate a maximum of **three young people** at any one time. Maintaining a small group living environment allows staff to provide individualised support and promotes a stable and supportive atmosphere within the home.

A careful **placement matching process** is essential in ensuring that the needs of each young person can be met effectively while maintaining a safe and harmonious environment for all residents. Before accepting any placement, the home will review referral information provided by the placing authority to assess whether the service is able to provide appropriate care and support.

The placement matching process considers a range of factors including the young person's emotional and developmental needs, behavioural presentation, safeguarding considerations and any potential risks. Consideration is also given to the compatibility of the young person with existing residents in order to promote stability and positive relationships within the home.

Placements will only be accepted where the home is confident that it can meet the young person's needs and where the placement will support the wellbeing and safety of all young people living within the home.

Young People We Support

Crescent Meadow will support up to **three young people aged 8–17** who may have experienced:

- family breakdown
- neglect or trauma
- safeguarding concerns
- emotional or behavioural difficulties

The home **will not accept placements** where risks cannot be safely managed.

7. ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Referrals to Crescent Meadow Children's Home will typically be received from **local authorities seeking suitable residential placements for children and young people in their care.**

The admissions process begins with the review of referral documentation provided by the placing authority. This information may include care plans, risk assessments, education information and other relevant reports which help the home understand the young person's needs and circumstances.

Where appropriate, discussions will take place between the home and the placing authority to ensure that the proposed placement is suitable and that the home is able to provide the level of care and support required. The placement matching considerations outlined above form an important part of this decision-making process.

Whenever possible, young people will be offered the opportunity to visit the home prior to admission. These visits can help the young person become familiar with the environment and meet staff members, which may help to ease anxiety and support a positive transition into the home.

Following admission, staff will work closely with the placing authority and other relevant professionals to develop and implement an **individual care plan** that reflects the young person's needs, goals and support requirements. This collaborative approach ensures that care provided within the home aligns with the wider plans for the young person's development and wellbeing.

8. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION

Crescent Meadow Children's Home is committed to promoting and upholding the rights of children and young people living in the home. Young people are encouraged and supported to express their views, wishes and feelings and to take part in decisions that affect their lives and their care.

The home actively promotes participation by ensuring that young people have regular opportunities to share their views through **house meetings, key worker sessions and care planning reviews.** These forums allow young people to discuss matters relating to daily life within the home, contribute ideas and raise any concerns in a supportive environment.

Staff work to ensure that young people feel listened to and respected, and that their views are considered when decisions are made about their care and support. Young people are encouraged to develop confidence in expressing their opinions and are supported in understanding their rights while living in residential care.
Young people are also provided with information about their right to access **independent advocacy services,** which can offer additional support in helping them express their views or raise concerns where necessary.
Through these approaches, Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to ensure that young people feel empowered, respected and actively involved in decisions that affect their lives.

9. SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is the highest priority at Crescent Meadow Children's Home. The home is committed to providing a safe, supportive environment where young people are protected from harm and where their wellbeing and welfare are actively promoted.
Crescent Meadow operates in accordance with safeguarding policies and procedures that reflect the requirements of the **Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015** and relevant statutory safeguarding guidance. These procedures outline how staff recognise, respond to, and report safeguarding concerns relating to young people.

All staff working within the home receive safeguarding training and are expected to understand their responsibilities in identifying, responding to, and reporting safeguarding concerns. Staff are required to follow established safeguarding procedures and act promptly where concerns arise regarding the safety or welfare of a young person.
The home maintains clear safeguarding arrangements that support safe and effective practice. These include **robust safer recruitment procedures, safeguarding training for all staff, clear reporting pathways, and close collaboration with relevant safeguarding professionals and agencies.**

All safeguarding concerns or allegations of abuse will be reported and investigated in accordance with **local safeguarding partnership procedures and statutory guidance**. The safety and welfare of the young person will always be the primary consideration.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home works closely with placing authorities, safeguarding partners, and other professionals to ensure that concerns are addressed promptly and appropriately, helping to ensure that all young people living in the home are protected and supported in a safe and secure environment.

10. MISSING FROM CARE PROCEDURES

Crescent Meadow Children's Home recognises that children in residential care may be vulnerable to going missing and therefore maintains clear procedures to respond promptly and effectively should such incidents occur.

The home follows established **missing-from-care procedures** in line with relevant local safeguarding protocols and multi-agency arrangements. Staff aim to reduce the likelihood of missing incidents by building positive relationships with young people, maintaining supportive routines, and implementing individual risk assessments that identify potential triggers or vulnerabilities.

If a young person is reported missing from the home, staff will take immediate steps to locate them and ensure their safety. This may include conducting appropriate searches of the local area and contacting the **police, placing authority, and other relevant professionals** in accordance with agreed safeguarding procedures. Staff will maintain communication with relevant agencies while the young person is missing and provide any necessary information to assist in locating them.

When the young person returns to the home, they will be **welcomed back in a supportive and non-judgemental manner**, and staff will ensure their immediate safety and wellbeing. **A return interview will be arranged in line with local safeguarding procedures** to help understand the reasons for the absence and identify any potential safeguarding concerns.

All missing incidents will be **recorded, reviewed, and considered as part of ongoing care planning and risk management**, enabling the home to identify patterns, reduce risks, and support the young person more effectively.

11. ANTI-BULLYING APPROACH

Crescent Meadow Children's Home is committed to promoting an environment where young people feel **safe, respected, and valued**. The home encourages positive relationships between residents and promotes a culture of **mutual respect, inclusion, and understanding.**

Bullying behaviour is not tolerated within the home. Staff remain vigilant to any signs of bullying and take all concerns seriously. Bullying may take a number of forms, including **verbal abuse, physical aggression, exclusion, cyber-bullying, or discriminatory behaviour,** and staff are trained to recognise and respond to these behaviours appropriately.

Where incidents occur, staff will intervene promptly and address the situation in a supportive and constructive manner. Appropriate support will be provided to all young people involved, and staff will work with them to help them understand the impact of bullying and to develop **positive ways of resolving conflict and building respectful relationships.**

Care plans and risk assessments may be reviewed and updated where necessary to help reduce the likelihood of further incidents. Through guidance, clear expectations, and supportive relationships, staff encourage young people to develop **social skills, empathy, and respect for others, contributing to a positive and safe living environment within the home.**

12. EDUCATION SUPPORT

Education is a key priority for young people living at **Crescent Meadow Children's Home,** and the home actively promotes engagement with learning as an important part of each young person's development and future opportunities.

Staff support young people in attending school or alternative educational provision and encourage positive engagement with learning. This may include supporting daily routines, providing encouragement with homework or coursework, and helping young people develop positive attitudes towards education.

The home works closely with schools, virtual school teams, education professionals and placing authorities to ensure that appropriate educational arrangements are in place for each young person. Through this collaborative approach, the home aims to support young people in achieving their educational goals and improving their confidence and participation in learning

13. HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Crescent Meadow Children's Home promotes the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of the young people living in the home. Supporting young people to maintain good health and wellbeing is an essential part of residential care and contributes to their stability, development and overall quality of life.

Young people will be supported to access appropriate healthcare services and to maintain regular health appointments where required. Each young person will be registered with local healthcare providers such as a **General Practitioner (GP), dentist and optician,** and staff will support attendance at medical appointments where appropriate in line with the young person's care plan.

Health needs are identified and recorded within the young person's Health Care Plan, which forms part of their wider care planning arrangements. This plan helps ensure that staff understand the young person's medical history, current health needs and any ongoing treatments or interventions required. Staff will work closely with placing authorities, healthcare professionals and specialist services to ensure that appropriate medical and wellbeing support is provided.

Medication will be stored, administered and recorded in accordance with the home's medication procedures to ensure safe practice at all times. Records relating to medication administration, health appointments and medical advice will be maintained as part of the young person's care records.

In addition to accessing healthcare services, the home promotes healthy lifestyles by encouraging balanced nutrition, regular physical activity and positive daily routines. Staff support young people in developing healthy habits and making informed choices about their wellbeing, helping them to understand the importance of maintaining their physical and emotional health.

Where appropriate, young people may also be supported to access specialist services that support emotional wellbeing, including mental health services and therapeutic support where required.

14. LEISURE AND RECREATION

Crescent Meadow Children's Home recognises the important role that leisure and recreational activities play in supporting young people's confidence, wellbeing and social development.

Participation in recreational activities allows young people to explore their interests, develop new skills and build positive relationships with others. Staff work with young people to plan activities that reflect their individual interests, abilities and personal goals, ensuring that young people have opportunities to enjoy their free time in meaningful and positive ways.

Young people will be encouraged to take part in a variety of activities that support their development and enjoyment. These may include sports, creative activities, hobbies, outdoor activities and opportunities within the local community. Participation in these activities helps young people build confidence, develop social skills and experience a sense of achievement.

The local area offers a range of accessible leisure opportunities that can support young people's interests and wellbeing. Staff will encourage young people to explore local parks, recreational spaces and community-based activities where appropriate.

In addition to everyday recreational activities, the home aims to provide opportunities for special experiences such as day trips, group outings and holiday activities where possible. These experiences allow young people to enjoy positive shared experiences, build confidence in new environments and develop lasting memories.

All activities are planned in accordance with the young person's care plan and risk assessment to ensure that opportunities are safe, appropriate and supportive of their individual needs.

15. PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE

Crescent Meadow Children's Home supports young people in developing practical life skills that will assist them as they move towards adulthood and greater independence.

Staff work with young people to develop everyday skills such as cooking, budgeting, personal organisation and household responsibilities. These opportunities allow young people to gradually develop confidence in managing daily tasks and making responsible decisions.

By encouraging independence in a supportive and structured environment, the home aims to help young people prepare for future living arrangements and adult life.

16. BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Crescent Meadow Children's Home adopts a **positive and trauma-informed approach to behaviour support,** recognising that behaviour is often influenced by a young person's individual experiences, emotional needs, and past trauma.

Staff aim to understand the reasons behind behaviour and support young people in developing **positive coping strategies, emotional regulation, and decision-making skills.** Clear expectations and consistent boundaries are maintained to create a **safe, structured, and respectful environment** within the home.

Staff will focus on supportive strategies including:

- de-escalation techniques
- restorative approaches to resolving conflict
- positive reinforcement and encouragement

Through guidance, patience, and supportive relationships, staff work with young people to help them manage their emotions, build resilience, and make positive choices.

Physical intervention will only ever be used as a last resort, and only when necessary to prevent harm, in line with relevant legislation, regulations, and approved behaviour management policies.

17. RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Crescent Meadow Children's Home recognises the importance of positive relationships in supporting young people's emotional wellbeing, confidence and personal development.

Young people are encouraged and supported to build positive relationships with family members, friends, peers within the home and the staff team. Staff work closely with young people to understand their life experiences and the important relationships in their lives, recognising that strong and supportive relationships contribute to resilience and positive outcomes.

Staff support young people in maintaining appropriate relationships with family and friends in line with their care plans and risk assessments. This may include supporting family contact arrangements, facilitating visits and supporting young people to maintain friendships within the community.

Staff also work collaboratively with families, social workers and other professionals involved in the young person's life. This partnership approach helps ensure that the care provided reflects the young person's individual needs and supports continuity across all areas of their life.

18. COUNTERING BULLYING

Crescent Meadow Children's Home promotes an environment of respect, inclusion and positive relationships. Bullying behaviour is not tolerated within the home.

Staff are trained to recognise and respond to bullying behaviours and work proactively with young people to promote understanding of respectful relationships and the impact of bullying on others.
Bullying may take a number of forms including verbal abuse, physical aggression, exclusion, cyber-bullying or discriminatory behaviour. Staff remain alert to these behaviours and intervene promptly to address concerns.

Where bullying incidents occur, staff provide appropriate support to the young people involved and work to address the behaviourin a constructive manner. Care plans and risk assessments may be updated where necessary to reduce the likelihood of further incidents.

19. FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Crescent Meadow Children's Home maintains comprehensive fire safety procedures to ensure the safety of young people, staff and visitors.

The property is equipped with appropriate fire detection and alarm systems which are regularly tested and maintained. Fire safety equipment and emergency lighting are inspected routinely to ensure that they remain in safe working order.

Staff and young people are provided with guidance on fire safety procedures and evacuation routes. Fire drills are carried out periodically to ensure that everyone living or working in the home understands how to respond safely in the event of an emergency.

Records of fire safety checks, alarm tests and evacuation drills are maintained as part of the home's health and safety monitoring processes.

20. SECURITY AND MONITORING SYSTEMS

Crescent Meadow Children's Home has appropriate security arrangements in place to support the safety of young people and staff.

Security measures may include external security systems such as doorbell cameras or external CCTV covering entry points to the property. These systems are used solely for security and safeguarding purposes and do not monitor internal living areas of the home.

Where individual monitoring arrangements are required for safeguarding purposes, these will only be implemented following an individual risk assessment and in accordance with regulatory guidance. Any such arrangements will be agreed with the placing authority and recorded within the young person's care plan.

All monitoring systems are used proportionately and with full regard for the privacy and dignity of young people.

21. ROOM SEARCHES AND POSSESSIONS

Room searches will only take place where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a search is necessary to safeguard the young person or others within the home.

Searches may be required where there is concern that unsafe or prohibited items are present. Wherever possible, the young person's consent will be sought prior to any search taking place.

All searches must be authorised by a senior member of staff and carried out in a manner that respects the young person's dignity and privacy. The reason for the search and the outcome will be clearly recorded.
Where appropriate, follow-up work with the young person will take place to address any underlying concerns and support positive behaviour.

22. MEETING SOCIAL, CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS

Crescent Meadow Children's Home recognises that children and young people come from a wide range of social, cultural and religious backgrounds. The home is committed to respecting and supporting each young person's identity, beliefs and personal values.

Individual care plans will take account of each young person's cultural background, religious beliefs and personal preferences. Where appropriate, the home will support young people in attending places of worship, observing religious practices and maintaining cultural traditions in line with their wishes and care planning arrangements.

Staff receive training and ongoing guidance to ensure they are aware of and responsive to the diverse needs of young people and their families. This helps ensure that staff provide care that is respectful, inclusive and sensitive to the individual backgrounds of those living in the home.

Young people will be encouraged to explore and express their identity through everyday activities, personal interests, music, food, cultural traditions and celebrations. The home aims to promote an environment where diversity is respected and where young people feel confident in expressing who they are.

In addition to cultural and religious support, young people will also be encouraged to participate in social and recreational activities within the community. Access to sports, hobbies, creative activities and local opportunities supports young people's confidence, wellbeing and personal development.

23. FAMILY TIME

Crescent Meadow Children's Home recognises the importance of maintaining appropriate relationships with family members and significant people in a young person's life wherever this is safe and in line with their care plan.

Family time arrangements will be supported in accordance with the young person's care plan and the guidance provided by the placing authority. Staff will work closely with social workers and families to facilitate contact arrangements that support positive relationships and the emotional wellbeing of the young person.

Staffing arrangements within the home are organised to ensure that appropriate supervision and support are available to facilitate family contact where required. This may include supporting visits within the home, accompanying young people to contact arrangements, or assisting with telephone and virtual communication where appropriate.

Supporting young people to maintain safe and meaningful family relationships forms an important part of their emotional wellbeing and identity.

24. REVIEWS AND STATUTORY VISITS

All reviews of a young person's care will take place in accordance with statutory requirements and the procedures of the placing authority.

Following admission to the home, a young person's first review will usually take place within **20 working days,** with a second review within **three months**, and subsequent reviews held at intervals of **no more than six months.**

These review meetings are chaired by an **Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO)** and provide an opportunity for professionals, family members and the young person to consider progress and review care planning arrangements.

Staff at **Crescent Meadow Children's Home** will support young people to prepare for their reviews and ensure that their views, wishes and feelings are represented during the meeting. The young person's key worker will help them understand the purpose of the review and support them in sharing their thoughts and experiences.

Young people will also receive regular visits from their allocated social worker in accordance with statutory visiting requirements. Appropriate private space will be provided within the home to allow young people to speak with their social worker confidentially if they wish