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

The proposed children's home will operate as a small family-style residential household accommodating a maximum of three young people, ensuring the scale and nature of the use remains consistent with the surrounding residential character.

Part 1

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

1. REPRESENTATION AND COMPLAINTS

Crescent Meadow Children's Home encourages open communication between staff and young people and aims to resolve concerns informally wherever possible.

Each young person is allocated a **key worker** who works closely with them to build a trusting relationship and provide a point of contact for raising any concerns or questions. Regular children's meetings also provide opportunities for young people to share their views about life within the home.

If concerns cannot be resolved informally, young people are supported to access the **formal complaints procedure.** Information about how to make a complaint is provided in the **Young Person's Guide**, which each young person receives when they move into the home.
Young people may raise concerns with staff members, the Registered Manager, their social worker or other professionals involved in their care. Young people are also informed of their right to access independent advocacy services where they require additional support in expressing their views.

All complaints will be taken seriously and will be investigated in accordance with the home's procedures. Complaints will be recorded and reviewed to ensure that any learning or improvements are identified.

Where appropriate, complaints may also be raised with the relevant regulatory bodies or external organisations that support children and young people in care.

Key Contacts

Key contacts available to young people and families include:

- **Registered Manager** – Crescent Meadow Children's Home
- **Responsible Individual** – Crescent Meadow Children's Home Ltd

External support organisations include:

- **Childline** – 0800 1111
- **NSPCC Helpline** – 0808 800 5000
- **Children's Commissioner for England** – 0800 528 0731
- **Ofsted**

Young people will also be provided with the contact details of their allocated social worker and Independent Reviewing Officer.

2. STAFFING STRUCTURE AND ARRANGEMENTS

Crescent Meadow Children's Home operates a structured and proportionate staffing model designed to meet the needs of up to three young people in a safe, supportive, and homely environment.

The staffing arrangements ensure appropriate supervision and safeguarding at all times, while maintaining a setting that reflects a typical family home rather than an institutional environment.

Staffing Approach

The home is supported by a small, consistent staff team, including management and care staff.

Not all staff are based on-site at the same time, with management oversight and administrative functions often carried out remotely or off-site.

At no time will there be more than **four staff present in the home simultaneously,** including care and night staff.

Daytime and Evening Staffing

During daytime and evening hours, the home operates with:

- **A minimum of two staff on shift**
- Typically no more than **two to three staff present at any one time**

This provides:

- Appropriate supervision for up to three young people
- Support for daily routines, education, and activities
- The ability to respond to individual needs and behaviours

Additional staffing will only be used where required for specific activities or assessed needs, and will not result in a sustained increase in on-site staff numbers.

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Night staffing is arranged to ensure safety while maintaining a calm and low-impact environment.

The home will operate with:

- **One waking night staff member** on duty overnight
- Additional support available if required (sleep-in or on-call), either on-site or nearby

This ensures:

- Continuous supervision and safeguarding
- Immediate response to any incidents or emergencies

Night-time arrangements are risk-assessed and kept proportionate to the needs of the young people.

Shift Patterns

Staff work to a consistent rota system:

- **Early Shift:** 7:30am – 3:00pm
- **Late Shift**: 2:30pm – 10:00pm
- **Night Shift**: 10:00pm – 7:30am

Shift changes are staggered to ensure continuity of care without increasing the number of staff present at any one time.

Staffing Ratios

The home operates on the following staffing principles:

- **Daytime/Evening:** Minimum of 2 staff for up to 3 young people
- **Night-Time:** 1 waking night staff

Staffing levels may be adjusted temporarily in response to individual needs or specific activities, but the number of staff present in the home remains proportionate and will not exceed **four staff at any one time.**

Consistency and Relationship-Based Care

A small and consistent staff team is used to promote stable, trusting relationships with young people and to maintain a calm and predictable home environment.

Management Oversight

The Registered Manager and Deputy Manager provide oversight of the home, including staffing and safeguarding.
Management presence is a combination of on-site and remote working, supported by an **on-call system operating 24 hours a day,** ensuring support is always available without increasing on-site staff numbers unnecessarily.

3. STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Crescent Meadow Children's Home is committed to ensuring that all staff receive appropriate training and professional development in order to provide safe and effective care to young people.

Members of the management team have already completed a range of specialist training to support safe practice within the home. This includes **Safer Recruitment Level 2, Safeguarding Level 3, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training, self-harm awareness, bullying awareness, trauma and attachment training, de-escalation techniques, Team Teach / PRICE training, and awareness training relating to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).**

In addition to these areas of training, staff will receive ongoing professional development in key areas of residential childcare practice, including **first aid, safeguarding, behaviour support and trauma-informed care.**

Continuous professional development is actively encouraged to ensure that staff maintain up-to-date knowledge, skills and understanding. Through regular training, supervision and reflective practice, the home aims to ensure that staff are well equipped to meet the needs of the young people living at Crescent Meadow Children's Home.

4. LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will be led by a **Registered Manager** who will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the home in accordance with the **Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015** and the associated Quality Standards.

The Registered Manager will ensure that care is delivered consistently in line with the home's Statement of Purpose and that the needs and wellbeing of young people remain central to all aspects of the service. The Registered Manager will work closely with the **Responsible Individual and the wider management team** to ensure effective governance, safeguarding oversight and regulatory compliance.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home promotes a positive staff culture where training, professional development and reflective practice are encouraged. Staff receive regular supervision, guidance and support to help them develop their professional skills and maintain high standards of care.

Staff working directly with young people will either hold or be working towards the **Level 3 Diploma in Residential Childcare** within the required regulatory timeframe. The Registered Manager will hold, or be working towards, the **Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare,** together with appropriate experience in residential childcare practice.

Regular supervision, team meetings and ongoing training help ensure that staff remain informed about policies, safeguarding procedures and best practice within residential childcare.
The home will also work in partnership with external professionals including **social workers, education providers, healthcare professionals and other support services** to ensure that young people receive coordinated care that reflects their individual needs and care plans.

This collaborative multi-agency approach supports the wellbeing, development and positive outcomes of the young people living at Crescent Meadow Children's Home.

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will be overseen by **Kaneez Ur Rehman,** who will act as the Responsible Individual for the home. Kaneez Ur Rehman brings significant experience of working within regulated childcare services and ensuring compliance with safeguarding and regulatory frameworks.

Kaneez Ur Rehman has over **13 years' experience as a Nominated Person for nursery businesses,** working closely with regulatory requirements and maintaining high standards of care and safeguarding. During this time, Kaneez Ur Rehman has successfully completed four **Ofsted registration interviews** and has been involved in several Ofsted inspections, with settings achieving **one Outstanding judgement and several Good judgements.**

Through this experience, Kaneez Ur Rehman has developed a strong understanding of the regulatory expectations of Ofsted and the importance of maintaining safe, high-quality environments for children and young people.

Kaneez Ur Rehman works closely with **Manchester Local Authority** and is known to the authority through previous professional engagement within regulated childcare services. Safeguarding is a key priority and Kaneez Ur Rehman holds **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training**, which has been renewed periodically, as well as **Paediatric First Aid certification**, also regularly renewed. This experience reflects a strong commitment to safeguarding practice and the protection and wellbeing of children.

Through extensive experience working within regulated childcare settings and operating within statutory frameworks, Kaneez Ur Rehman brings valuable leadership, safeguarding knowledge, and regulatory understanding to the oversight of Crescent Meadow Children's Home.
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Management Oversight and Governance

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will operate with clear management oversight to ensure that the home maintains high standards of care, safeguarding, and regulatory compliance. The Responsible Individual will provide strategic oversight of the service and will work closely with the Registered Manager to ensure that the home operates in line with the **Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015** and the **Quality Standards.**

Regular monitoring and review processes will be in place to ensure that the home continues to provide a safe and supportive environment for young people. This includes reviewing safeguarding practices, staff training, care planning, and the overall quality of care provided within the home.

The Responsible Individual will also ensure that the home works in partnership with placing **authorities, safeguarding agencies, and other professionals,** supporting transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in the care provided to young people

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND MONITORING

Crescent Meadow Children's Home is committed to maintaining high standards of care and continuously improving the quality of the service provided to young people.

A range of quality assurance processes will be in place to monitor the effectiveness of the home and ensure that care is delivered in accordance with regulatory requirements and best practice. These processes include regular internal monitoring, management oversight and independent external visits which review the operation of the home and the experiences of young people living within it.

The outcomes of monitoring activities are used to identify areas of good practice and opportunities for improvement. This ongoing review process supports the home in maintaining high standards of care, safeguarding and operational practice.

6. COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSIDERATION

Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to operate as a small, family-style home that integrates positively within the local residential community. The home will accommodate a small number of young people and will function in a manner similar to a typical family household.

The home will be managed in a way that ensures **minimal impact** on the surrounding neighbourhood. Staffing levels are appropriate to the needs of the young people and the home will not generate significant additional traffic, noise, or disruption to local residents.

Young people will be supported to access local education, leisure activities, and community resources where appropriate, helping them develop positive connections within the community while maintaining appropriate supervision and safeguarding arrangements.
Crescent Meadow is committed to being a responsible neighbour and ensuring that the home contributes positively to the local area.

7. PLANNING CONTEXT

This 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 at **6 Moor Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester.**

The proposed home will accommodate a maximum of **three young people**, supported by a small staff team. The limited scale of the provision ensures that the property will continue to function in a manner similar to a typical residential household.

The proposal has been designed to ensure that the use of the property remains compatible with the surrounding residential environment. The scale and nature of the home means that the property will continue to operate as a domestic-style residence while providing a safe and supportive environment for young people in need of residential care.

8. RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will operate in a manner consistent with normal residential living. The day-to-day activities within the home will reflect typical household routines such as meal preparation, school attendance, leisure activities and quiet evening periods.

The home will accommodate only a small number of young people and therefore the level of activity associated with the property will remain comparable to that of a family home. As a result, the operation of the home is not expected to generate noise, disturbance or activity levels beyond those normally associated with residential use.

By maintaining a small-scale, family-style environment, the home aims to ensure that the property integrates appropriately within the surrounding neighbourhood while providing a safe and supportive living environment for young people.

9. TRAFFIC AND PARKING

The operation of Crescent Meadow Children's Home is not expected to generate significant additional traffic within the surrounding residential area.

Staff working at the home will operate on a shift-based rota, with shift patterns arranged to ensure that staff arrivals and departures are appropriately staggered. This helps minimise the potential for multiple staff members arriving or leaving the property at the same time.

The property benefits from **adequate on-site parking provision**, allowing staff vehicles to be accommodated within the property grounds. As a result, the operation of the home will not place additional pressure on surrounding street parking.

Given the small scale of the service, accommodating only two to three young people, traffic movements associated with the home are expected to remain comparable to those typically associated with a family household.

10. COMMUNITY IMPACT

Crescent Meadow Children's Home aims to operate as a responsible and respectful member of the local community. The home will be managed in a way that ensures positive relationships with neighbouring residents and promotes a safe and respectful environment.

Staff working within the home will support young people in understanding appropriate behaviour within the community and will actively promote respect for neighbours and the surrounding area. The small scale of the home, accommodating only two to three young people, means that the day-to-day operation of the property will remain consistent with typical residential living.

As a result, the proposal is expected to have **minimal impact on the surrounding neighbourhood** while providing an important service for young people requiring residential care.

11. NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

The proposal aligns with the principles set out within the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, which encourages sustainable development that supports the wellbeing of communities and provides appropriate social infrastructure.

Residential children's homes form an important part of the care system by providing safe accommodation and support for vulnerable children and young people who are unable to live within their family homes. The provision of such services contributes to the social infrastructure required to support the needs of communities.

The proposed development therefore supports the objectives of the NPPF by delivering a socially sustainable form of development that meets an identified need for residential care provision.

12. MANCHESTER PLANNING POLICY

The proposal is also consistent with the wider objectives of local planning policy within Manchester, which seek to promote inclusive and supportive communities where appropriate services are available to meet the needs of residents.

Residential children's homes provide an important service that supports vulnerable young people and contributes to the overall social wellbeing of the city. The small scale of the proposed home ensures that it can operate within an established residential area without adversely affecting the character of the neighbourhood.

By providing a carefully managed residential care environment, the proposal supports the broader aims of local policy in promoting safe, inclusive and sustainable communities.

13. SUSTAINABILITY

The proposed development contributes to social sustainability by providing a stable and supportive living environment for vulnerable children and young people who require residential care.

Residential children's homes play an important role in supporting the welfare, development and long-term outcomes of young people who may otherwise be at risk of instability or disadvantage. By providing a safe and nurturing home environment, the proposal supports the wider social objectives of promoting wellbeing, stability and positive life outcomes.

14. RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Glenmorag House, 6 Moor Road, is a detached residential property situated on a **generous plot** within an established residential area of Wythenshawe. The property has recently been **extended and upgraded**, with modern amenities throughout, providing a suitable environment for a small family-style residential children's home.

The property benefits from a **good-sized front garden area,** which provides space for **off-street parking for approximately three to four vehicles.** This ensures that staff parking can be accommodated within the property grounds without creating additional pressure on surrounding street parking. To the rear of the property there is a **large private garden**, providing appropriate outdoor space for recreation and supervised activities for the young people living in the home.

The **ground floor** of the property has been extended to the side and rear, creating a spacious and functional living environment. This includes a **large lounge area**, which provides a comfortable communal space for young people and staff. To the rear of the property there is an **open-plan kitchen, dining and seating area,** designed to support everyday household activities such as shared meals, social interaction and daily routines. The ground floor also includes a **bathroom and utility room**, supporting the practical needs of the household.

The **first floor** has been extended to provide **three double bedrooms and a bathroom**, offering appropriate sleeping accommodation for the residents and supporting staff. In addition, the **attic space has been converted with a dormer extension**, creating further usable space within the property. This level includes a **quiet study or library area,** together with an additional **double bedroom.**

Of the **four bedrooms within the property, three bedrooms will be used by the young people living in the home,** while **one bedroom will be allocated for staff use,** serving as both a sleeping space and office area to support overnight supervision and administrative duties.

The size, layout and domestic character of the property allow it to function in a manner consistent with a typical family household while providing appropriate accommodation for a small residential children's home. The property will therefore maintain its **residential appearance and character,** ensuring that the proposed use remains compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood.

Given the **small scale of the proposed use**, accommodating only **two to three young people supported by a small staff team**, the day-to-day operation of the property will closely resemble that of a typical family household. Daily routines will include normal domestic activities such as preparing meals, attending school, undertaking homework, participating in leisure activities and spending time within shared living spaces.

The level of activity associated with the property will therefore remain comparable to that of a family home, and the residential appearance and character of the property will be maintained. As a result, the proposed use is **compatible with the surrounding residential environment,** while providing an important service for vulnerable children and young people who require residential care and support.

15. OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will be managed by a **Registered Manager** who will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the service. The Registered Manager will ensure that the home operates in accordance with relevant regulatory requirements, safeguarding procedures and professional standards expected within residential children's care.

The Registered Manager will work alongside the **Responsible Individual and the wider management team** to oversee the safe and effective operation of the home. This includes ensuring that appropriate staffing arrangements are maintained, that staff receive suitable training and supervision, and that the needs of the young people living in the home are consistently met.

The home will operate with a structured staffing model that provides appropriate supervision and support for the young people at all times. Staff will work in shifts to ensure continuous support, guidance and safeguarding oversight throughout the day and night.

Through clear leadership, robust safeguarding practice and effective staff support, the operational management structure will ensure that Crescent Meadow Children's Home provides a safe, stable and well-managed residential environment for the young people in its care.

16. CONCLUSION

Crescent Meadow Children's Home will provide a **safe, stable and supportive residential environment** for children and young people who require care outside of their family home. The home will operate as a small family-style residential setting, supporting a maximum of **two to three young people aged between 8 and 17 years.**

The proposed use of the property represents a responsible and appropriate use of an existing residential dwelling. The scale of the home, together with the domestic character of the property, ensures that the operation of the home will remain consistent with the surrounding residential environment.

With appropriate staffing, safeguarding procedures and management oversight in place, Crescent Meadow Children's Home will provide a well-managed service that supports the wellbeing, development and future outcomes of the young people living in the home.

Overall, the proposal represents a **sustainable and socially beneficial use of the property,** delivering an important form of residential care provision while maintaining compatibility with the surrounding neighbourhood.