Supported Needs – Request for Further Information

Manchester City Council – Commissioning Hub

Site: 148 Slade Lane, Levenshulme, Manchester, M19 2AQ

Completed with reference to the Planning Statement, Location Plan (PL01), Site Plan (PL02), Existing Floor Plans (PL03) and Proposed Floor Plans (PL04) prepared by Anjum Design Ltd, June 2026. Fields shown in red require input from the applicant/care provider before submission.

Name of applicant:

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Please detail the relationship of the applicant to the building owner and/or proposed support provider:

Owner

Where is the proposed property? (Address, postcode, ward):

148 Slade Lane, Levenshulme, Manchester, M19 2AQ. The property is located on the corner of Slade Lane (A5079) and Lindsay Avenue, within the Levenshulme area of Manchester. [Ward to be confirmed – believed to be Levenshulme & Burnage ward]

Please provide details of the type and size of the proposed accommodation, including number of floors, rooms and number of residents and facilities:

The property is a substantial detached dwelling arranged over ground and first floors, set within a plot of approximately 405 sq.m with a rear garden of approximately 100 sq.m and off-street parking for three vehicles. Ground floor: reception room, lounge and kitchen, retained as communal living space for residents (the existing dining room is incorporated into this communal area). First floor: three bedrooms designated as Children's Bedroom 1, 2 and 3 (each meeting or exceeding the Nationally Described Space Standards); one room used as a staff office; one room used as staff sleepover accommodation. The home will accommodate a maximum of three children at any one time, aged between 5 and 17 years, supported by trained residential childcare staff on a 24-hour basis. No external alterations are proposed.

Please select from the options below the type of building that permission is being sought for:

☒ **Existing building** ☐ Land site with demolition approval for an existing building ☐ Land site cleared for development ☐ Other

If you have selected other then please provide further details below:

Not applicable – existing building.

Do you have capital funding arrangements for the building?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

Not applicable

If yes, where is it proposed that payment for the building will come from and is it in place?

If no, what plans do you have to identify funding?

Please describe your service delivery model, explain how and what kind of support and interventions people will receive and what kind of outcomes will be delivered as a result:

The home will be registered with and regulated by Ofsted under the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the accompanying Quality Standards. Each child will receive an individually tailored care package, with appropriate levels of staff supervision and support during the settling-in period and on an ongoing basis thereafter. Young people will be supervised in the community at all times, unless individually risk-assessed as having sufficient independence, in which case staff will act in accordance with that young person's agreed care and risk management plan. Each child will be registered with and attend a local school appropriate to their needs and will not be home-schooled. The provider will work in partnership with Manchester City Council Children's Services and other local authorities to supply appropriate care packages for children in need of residential placements. The home will operate under strict safeguarding and child protection procedures in accordance with statutory guidance, with all staff subject to enhanced DBS checks and safer recruitment processes. External professional visits (social workers, therapists) will be pre-arranged by appointment and managed to minimise disruption, with no more than one external visitor present at any time.

Who will residents be supported by, at what staff to client ratio, and for what hours each day/week:

Three members of support staff will be present at the property at all times, giving a staff-to-child ratio of 1:1 for up to three children. Shift patterns: day shift 7:30am–10:30pm (three staff on duty); night shift 10:00pm–8:00am (three staff covering waking and sleep-in duties). A Registered Manager will additionally be present Monday to Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm. Maximum occupancy is seven persons during the day (three children, three staff, plus the Registered Manager) and six overnight (three children and three night staff).

Who are the proposed client group (age group, gender, condition if applicable). What experience do you have in supporting this client group?

Children aged between 5 and 17 years (mixed gender), with a range of needs which may include Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD), learning difficulties, sensory impairment, mental health needs, and complex needs requiring structured support. [TO BE COMPLETED by the care provider – details of the operator's specific track record/experience of supporting this client group, e.g. number of years operating, other registered homes, staff qualifications held]

Do you have support funding agreed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

No

If yes, where is it proposed that payment for the support will come from and is it in place?

Placements and associated funding are anticipated to come from Manchester City Council Children's Services in the first instance, with the applicant willing to enter into a Section 106 planning obligation prioritising placements of children from within the city. Where a placement is not required by the Council, it will be offered to a neighbouring Greater Manchester authority. [Confirmation of whether funding is currently in place to be provided by the applicant/provider]

If no, what plans do you have to identify funding?

Not applicable / see above.

Where will referrals for the service come from?

Referrals are expected primarily from Manchester City Council Children's Services, reflecting the applicant's intention to prioritise placements of children from within the city (to be secured via a Section 106 planning obligation). Where a placement is not required by Manchester City Council, it will be offered to a neighbouring Greater Manchester local authority, consistent with the reciprocal duty to cooperate between authorities.

Do you have any plans in place to use local contractors or to employ staff from the local area for either the building or the support? Please specify on which?

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Have you had any discussions with either Manchester City Council or other public bodies such as GMP about your proposals?

☐ Yes ☐ No

No

If yes please provide further information about these discussions including details about any support for your proposals:

Please provide details of any needs analysis carried out and/or information on why this type of supported accommodation is required in Manchester:

Section 22G of the Children Act 1989 places a statutory duty on local authorities to take reasonably practicable steps to ensure children in their care are provided with accommodation within the authority's area that meets their needs. Manchester City Council, in common with many local authorities, faces a well-documented shortage of suitable local children's residential care placements. Three 2020 reports by the Children's Commissioner ('The Children Who No-One Knows What to Do With', 'Private Provision in Children's Social Care' and 'Stability Index 2020') set out the persistent national failure to meet the accommodation needs of looked-after children, with local authorities highly reliant on the independent sector. Vulnerable children continue to be placed in unsuitable temporary accommodation (including hotels and B&Bs) or relocated far from their home communities, disrupting education, family contact and support networks. The Written Ministerial Statement of 23 May 2023 reinforces the Government's commitment to ensuring children in care are placed in good-quality, local provision, and states that the planning system should not be a barrier to providing homes for the most vulnerable children in society. This proposal directly addresses the identified shortage by providing a small, high-quality, family-style children's home within Manchester, prioritising placements from Manchester City Council so children can maintain links with family, schools and support services.

Please provide details of any proposed engagement with the surrounding community:

No external alterations are proposed to the building, and the level of activity associated with the home will be consistent with that of a large family household, minimising any impact on the surrounding community. The operator will maintain a proactive approach to neighbourhood management, ensuring that any concerns raised by neighbouring residents are addressed promptly and effectively. Routine professional appointments (social worker visits, therapy sessions) will be arranged by appointment only and, where practicable, held away from the property to minimise disruption to neighbours. [Further specific community engagement activities, if any are planned by the provider, to be added]

Please return the completed form by email to supportedhousing@manchester.gov.uk or by post to: Commissioning Hub – Development, Directorate for Children and Commissioning, Manchester City Council, PO Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA.