

ADDENDUM TO OFFICERS REPORT

Item : 1

Reference: 21/5309/RCU

Address: 12 Larkspur Grove, Edgware, HA8 9GB

1. Additional supporting statement provided by applicant (Andrea Henry, February 2022) can be summarised below:
 - The manager has over 20 years' experience within residential care leading on outreach work. Staff remain in post since we started operating which is unprecedented in social care.
 - There were several incidents relating to one resident in Summer 2021, some of which required emergency call-outs related to health and wellbeing.
 - During this time, staff spoke to neighbours and heard concerns. It is recognised that the situation was upsetting for some neighbours.
 - In response to this, the business contingency plans include thresholds for responding to a crisis scenario ("Crisis Prevention Plan"), enabling alternative accommodation to be found immediately. To reassure neighbours, these contingency plans will be triggered immediately.

2. Further comments received from LB Barnet Children's Services can be summarised below:

"Barnet has a commitment to ensure that our children in care can remain in borough wherever possible, to ensure they can thrive and benefit from strong local connections, schools and employment and training opportunities, as well as specialist local provision and wrap around support. The preferred placement type is a family placement (e.g. Fostering) and the majority of our children in care are placed in a family setting. Where it is not possible to place with a family, a high quality, local provision will be identified, with careful consideration of matching to need, including any specialist or therapeutic support.

Barnet's Placements Sufficiency and Commissioning Strategy includes our local priorities and sufficiency needs for all types of placement provision. Amongst the recommendations in the strategy, the following are relevant to Larkspur House:

- Increased local specialist homes to meet the needs of our most vulnerable young people, including older children, and boys
- A need to influence the market to expand the number of specialist placements, including placements for children with complex needs and challenging behaviour

Pan London Sufficiency analysis undertaken in 2021 identified a shortfall of 225 residential home spaces within London including a potential shortfall of 74 residential spaces in West London alone.

The consistent finding from detailed sufficiency analysis across both Barnet and West London is the need for small, specialist solo and small home provision for complex adolescents. The lack of specialist local provision means some children across London are

placed at a greater geographical distance currently and this is something we want to reverse through local and London wide sufficiency developments.

Larkspur House fulfils the local requirement for a small, specialist provision within Barnet and there is a child in mind who is a suitable match for this particular residential home. The size of the home and the therapeutic support offer available by the provider is in line with the child's assessed needs and provides a resource where there is a sufficiency gap (e.g. small, local residential children's home).

Provider Subtype	Sector	Setting Name	Comments
Children's home	Local Authority	New Park House	Internal provision where YP in question is currently placed – This placement cannot meet the YP needs – Smaller provision is needed
Children's home	Local Authority	Meadow Close	No longer a registered children's home, now a semi-independent placement
Children's home	Local Authority	Greenbank House	New children's home This placement is not suitable as it is a larger home and a smaller home environment is required
Children's home	Private	Larkspur House	This is the provider where we are waiting on a decision from planning
Children's home	Private	Greenview House	SEVA Home – Placement is full
Children's home	Private	Aspire Place	Offers short term placements up to 3 months – This length of placement is not appropriate for this YP

The below summarises the current Ofsted Registered Children's Homes within Barnet. This highlights the absence of bespoke, small specialist provision locally."

Item : 6

Reference: 21/3818/FUL

Address: 71 Sunny Gardens Road

1. Amend Condition 1 relating to plan numbers omitting drawing no 21.1261/002 (dated July 2021) from the list.
2. Following neighbour reconsultation, one additional objection was received. The comments were not summarised in the officers report which can be summarised below and the officer response to each point raised:
 - Comment: The ground floor not being suitable for a three bedroom flat owing to cramped and awkward living spaces.

Response: The ground floor flat exceeds the minimum space standards for a three bedroom unit therefore is not considered to be cramped living space.

- Comment: Flat 2 is proposing a living room adjacent to a bedroom in Flat 2 of No. 73 on the first floor. If approved a condition should be attached requiring sound proofing on the party wall.

Response: this has been duly noted and a pre-occupation condition for sound insulation to meet Requirement E of the Building Regulations 2010 (or any subsequent amendment in force at the time of implementation of the permission) has been included.

- Comment: No amenity space is being provided for Flat 2. Ideally this should be provided for in the rear garden with an access way provided from the front through the ground floor.

Response: ideally this would be the case. However, the proposed layout does not allow for direct access into the rear garden for Flat 2 via the house. The alternative of having to walk along Sunny Gardens Road to the rear of the garden was considered however given the narrow footpath access to the rear this was not considered suitable. Given the close proximity of the site to Sunny Hill Park, on balance the living conditions of the future occupiers of this unit would not be significantly compromised to warrant refusal of the application on this basis. It is noted that similar flatted developments in the immediate vicinity of the site also have similar arrangements.

- Comment: Need for a parking survey for on-street parking demand.

Response: following discussions with the applicant and with the Council's highways team, it was agreed that the applicant would enter into a S106 Agreement restricting residents from purchasing residents permit within the CPZ area.