



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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| Application No | 2025/0520 |
| Proposal | Change of use from residential dwellinghouse (C3) to residential children's home (C2). |
| Address | 99 Lang Avenue, Lundwood, Barnsley, S71 5LU. |
| Date of Consultation Reply | 23/06/2025 |
| Consultee | Children's Commissioning |

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Below is the feedback from Children's Services:

Having reviewed Companies House info this looks like a bit of newcomer to the business - previously only seem to have been property developers and an investment company so no apparent expertise in childcare which would be reinforced by the incredibly low staffing levels – 2 FT and 3 PT care staff which seems low even for a 2 bed home.

It's unlikely we would use them given their lack of a track record and given the likely increased demand on local resources (dentist, gp schools and police arising from missing episodes etc.) we would argue that the market in Barnsley is already saturated with private CHs (80 odd beds at the last count). We would not therefore support the development of another home by people with no apparent expertise or experience in the childcare sector.

Give me a shout if you'd like to discuss further.

Thanks.
Richard

Richard Lynch
Service Director – Commissioning

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Consultation Suggested Conditions:

Consultation Informative(s):

Planning Obligations required: