



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2025/1023
Proposal	Part change of use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to small-scale childminding business (RETROSPECTIVE)
Address	51 Fish Dam Lane, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, S71 2PY
Date of Consultation Reply	13/12/2025
Consultee	Melanie Szoke Childcare Funding and Sufficiency Manager BMBC

Consultation Assessment and Justification

BMBC Early Years Department currently have funding from DfE to support childminders and nurseries to expand their settings to provide extra places to meet the needs of families who are entitled to a free childcare place across the borough. The government brought in the new initiative from April 2024 the final phase of which came into place in September 2025.

Now all children of entitled working parents (only not entitled if earning 100,000) receive 30 hours of free care from the term after their child reaches 9 months to school age there has needed to be a huge expansion in childcare across the borough. Childminders have played a huge part in that providing places as many parents choose homebased childcare particularly for babies and younger children.

There are childminders in most wards across the borough and when managed well a childminding business can run aside residential properties without adverse effects to neighbours.

NO OBJECTION

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Consultation Suggested Conditions:

Consultation Informative(s):

Planning Obligations required: