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Support Provider – Uthink New Horizons CiC

Uthink New Horizons CiC is a Not for Profit Community Interest Company (CIC) established to deliver supported housing to vulnerable members of the local community. The organisation operates primarily across the South Yorkshire area and has developed notable working relationships with several local authorities, including Barnsley MBC.

Its operating model is based on entering into long-term lease agreements with carefully selected developers that can provide the standard and quality of housing required to meet its community objectives. Blueprint Investments is one such developer and is a notable provider of properties to Prospect Housing for this purpose.

Client Group

Uthink New Horizons CiC supports a wide range of vulnerable adults who require assistance in sustaining and managing a tenancy. The needs of each individual are unique, and support is tailored accordingly.

Client groups include:

- individuals with learning disabilities
- individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- individuals fleeing domestic violence

These examples are not exhaustive, but they reflect the types of clients who may require support. Careful consideration is given to the composition of each household to ensure that residents are appropriately matched. This approach ensures that individuals are housed alongside others whose needs and circumstances are compatible, producing a supportive and stable living environment that promotes personal development and independence.

In addition, Uthink CiC works with local authorities to help ease pressure on housing waiting lists by providing supported accommodation to individuals in need of both housing and ongoing support. Every placement made by Uthink is approved by the relevant local authority.

Tenancy Agreement

Each client is granted an excluded licence agreement, with a view to moving to an assured short hold tenancy in one of Uthinks supported accommodations in Barnsley.

Each tenant's circumstances are different. Some individuals may eventually be ready to move on into general needs accommodation, while others may continue to require support on a longer-term basis to sustain their tenancy.



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C3(b) Use Class Rationale

Uthink's model is consistent with a property being used within Use Class C3(b), where up to three people live together as a single household and receive care or support.

The accommodation is not operated as transient, hostel-style, or institutional accommodation. Staff provide drop-in support and are never based on site. Each resident occupies the property as their home under an excluded licence agreement, with the intention that they progress to one of Uthinks supported properties in Barnsley.

The level of care and support provided will be proportionate and tailored to individual needs, focusing on enabling residents to sustain their tenancies, develop independent living skills, and integrate into the local community. The support element is ancillary to the primary residential use and will not alter the overall character of the property as a single dwelling house.

The operation will not introduce any institutional care features, and there will be no material change to the external appearance or function of the building. It will remain a residence that each individual will call home.

The support provided is intended to help residents sustain their tenancy, maintain independence, and live safely within the community.

The property will comprise three bedrooms at first floor level, with shared living accommodation at ground floor including a communal lounge, kitchen, and dining area. The layout is deliberately a domestic arrangement, ensuring that residents live together as a cohesive independent unit, sharing facilities in a manner typical of a family home.

Signed: 

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