

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	19
Suffix	
Property Name	
Address Line 1	Saville Lane
Address Line 2	Thurlstone
Address Line 3	Barnsley
Town/city	Barnsley
Postcode	S36 9RE

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
423077	403388

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Andrew

Surname

Taylor

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

19 Saville Lane

Address line 2

Thurlstone

Address line 3

Town/City

Sheffield

County

Country

GB

Postcode

S36 9RE

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Description of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include, the carrying out of building or other operations?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Does the proposal consist of, or include, a change of use of the land or building(s)?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Has the proposal been started?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Grounds for Application

Information about the existing use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter or extend are lawful

The property at 19 Saville Lane, Thurlstone, Sheffield, S36 9RE is a lawful dwellinghouse that has been continuously occupied as the applicants' family home for approximately 25 years.

During this period the applicants have also operated as registered foster carers, providing accommodation and care for Looked After Children (LAC) within a domestic family environment.

The property has accommodated 46 Looked After Children over this period, including two separate families of 5 Looked After Children, whilst retaining its residential character and function as a single household.

The property has continuously been used as a residential dwelling with the two applicants and three of their own children living there in addition to the LAC and there has been no enforcement action or other challenge to the lawfulness of its use. The dwelling therefore benefits from an established lawful use as a dwellinghouse.

The proposed Lawful Development Certificate seeks confirmation that the future operation of the property as a Children's Home for up to four children would remain within the scope of lawful residential use.

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application

19 Saville Lane Building Regs Drawing Roof Conversion 20 09 13
19 Saville Lane Front Extension Building Regulations Drawing May 2020
Site location plan included with application
House photos

Select the use class that relates to the existing or last use.

C3 - Dwellinghouses

Information about the proposed use(s)

Select the use class that relates to the proposed use.

C3 - Dwellinghouses

Is the proposed operation or use

- ☒ Permanent
☐ Temporary

Why do you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal?

A Lawful Development Certificate is sought to confirm that the proposed use of the property as a Children's Home for up to four children would be lawful.

The property is an established and lawful dwellinghouse which has been occupied by the applicants as their family home for approximately 25 years. During this period it has also operated as a fostering household for the past 12 years, providing care and accommodation for 46 foster children, including up to five foster children at any one time, within a domestic family environment.

The proposed use represents a continuation of an established pattern of residential care that has operated lawfully at the property for approximately 13 years. The proposal would accommodate fewer children than have previously resided at the property under fostering arrangements and would continue to operate within a domestic family environment.

During this time, we have never had any complaints with respect to noise, children's behaviour, parking on the street or anything else.

The children residing at the property will live together as a single household, sharing bedrooms, bathrooms, living spaces and dining facilities in the same manner as a family home. The property will not be subdivided and residents will not occupy independent or self-contained accommodation.

Staffing levels will remain proportionate to the needs of four children and are intended to replicate the support normally provided within a family environment. Staffing arrangements will not alter the domestic character of the property.

No extensions, building works or external alterations are proposed, and the residential character of the property would remain unchanged.

The proposed use would provide accommodation for no more than four children living together in a family-style environment where care is provided. The applicants consider that the proposed use would fall within Use Class C3(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) and would therefore not constitute a material change of use requiring planning permission.

This application seeks a formal determination from the Local Planning Authority as to the lawfulness of the proposed use.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
(b) an elected member
(c) related to a member of staff
(d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- ☒ Owner
☐ Lessee
☐ Occupier
☐ Other

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Proposed use as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Andy Taylor

Date

04/08/2026