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Dear Sirs,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990
Application for Change of Use
14 Lees Hill, Kingswood, Bristol

I refer to the above site and to my recent telephone conversations with Helen Turner and Anne Joseph. We previously submitted an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed use (**Ref: P21/04198/CLP**) but the authority do not consider that form to be acceptable and have requested a full application for the change of use of the property. Whilst I am unsure that a Certificate of Lawfulness is inappropriate (and I have had several other similar applications accepted by other local authorities) I am now submitting a planning application in the format requested in order to progress matters.

I act on behalf of 16 Plus Care Support Solutions Ltd and enclose a planning application for the retrospective change of use of the property to provide supported care for up to 3 children. I understand that the use has been operational since August 2020.

I am now also in receipt of additional information from my clients which had not been provided to me previously. I trust therefore that this supplementary information assists you in the consideration of the application. I have also reviewed the representations you have received to date in respect of the original submission for the Certificate of Lawfulness and I attach additional responses to the comments you have received to date.

16 Plus Care Support Solutions Ltd is a health and social care company which provides 24-hour care and support for children and young people in care, as well as leavers from that system. The company broadly operate throughout the Gloucester and Bristol Areas. The aim of the company is to provide a stable, safe and secure living environment for children and young people – to provide them with a home and encourage them and help them to develop

and fulfil their full potential. Since 2017 when the company was launched, they have provided employment for more than 40 people and care and residency for over 30 people.

The premises operate as a Children's Care Home in accordance with the Regulatory Guidance and Inspection of Ofstead – England.

The service provides a safe environment for children and young people and is fully staffed on a 24/7 shift pattern. It is accepted that some of the youngsters may have learning difficulties and will require special education and care structures. However, they are supported in developing their independent living skills in preparation for adulthood and moving on. Care Plus work closely and in partnership with the full team around the child or young person (such as social workers, mental health teams and Youth Offending teams).

With regards to staffing provision the premises will have staff in place 24 hours per day. Sometimes there will be more than 2 staff in the premises as the support package might work on a 2:1 ratio. Parking is not a problem in the area with on-site and on-street parking being readily available.

With regards to the operation of the premises the company must prove that there is always adequate and proper supervision of the residents. Hence the 24-hour staffing. There are curfews in place requiring residents to be at the placement by 23.00 hours. Should a resident not be in place at that time there may be a requirement to report the matter to the police. All police attendances to the site are logged onto the resident's individual profile record.

The premises have CCTV in place and all visitors are vetted by the staff and social workers (Please see attached "Welcome Pack").

16 Plus Care believes in working in partnership with other professionals as they believe this approach helps to provide person centred care and support, to help improve children and young people's learning, behavioural, social and emotional skills. Each child or young person will be risk assessed and accepted for service on the basis of their needs and 16 Plus Care's ability to meet needs and ability to efficiently support them. Children and young people will be cared for and supported by trained, experienced and competent staff. Staff will provide support, care and guidance on a daily basis with each resident having their care underpinned by an individual detailed care and support plan.

The management team consists of highly qualified, experienced, trained individuals from diverse sectors such as residential homes, social work, education, care and nursing.

The property is a four-bedroom semi - detached dwelling spread over three floors, with an enclosed rear garden. The property has its own driveway and detached garage. Kingswood has its own High Street with various shopping facilities and amenities and is only a short distance away.

The application is submitted via the **Planning Portal (Ref: PP - 09925221)**. The following documents accompany the submission:

1. Completed Planning application form including all certificates.
2. Application Site Plan Ref: CAJ / 2021 / 182(B) 01.
3. Site Photographs & property details.
4. Google Aerial View.
5. 16 Plus Care "Welcome Pack".
6. Confirmation of QA Compliance from Gloucestershire CC dated 10th May 2021
7. 16 Plus Care Recruitment & Selection Policy

Once I receive an acknowledgement from you with a planning reference number, the balance of the planning application fee will be transferred to you. Please provide me with the details as to how the money can be transferred to you.

I look forward to hearing from you further, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Yours Sincerely



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