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**Application Number: 24/00133/FUL**

**Proposal: Change of use of a dwelling (C3) to a children's care home (C2) for the care of a maximum of 2 children (aged up to 18 years old) with a maximum of 2 staff present at the property at any one time**

**Location: The Orchards 1A Hollywood Grove Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 7AJ**

**1. Climate Change Statement**

**2. Sustainability Statement**



## 1. Climate Change Statement

- 1.1. A climate change statement explains how the development responds to the challenge of climate change through design, usage of resources and assets, water and energy efficiency measures, reuse and recycling during construction and in the selection of materials. What is of significance with this application is that it is a change of use of a dwelling house to a small children's care home but with no physical development proposed.
- 1.2. It would also be expected that developments which involve car parking would make appropriate provision for standard charge Electric Vehicle Recharging (EVR) points. A vehicle charging point is proposed in accordance with this requirement.
- 1.3. Most of the normal requirements for such a statement are not relevant to this proposal. The statement should specifically detail what measures will be implemented through the development in order to:
  - Reduce the energy demand associated with your proposed development- there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant.
  - Limit the carbon consumed through the implementation and construction processes - there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant
  - Utilise renewable or low carbon energy sources- there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant.
  - Ensure the building design and layout has been optimised for energy efficiency and to minimise heat stress including opportunities for cooling through shading provided by trees- there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant
  - Minimise the need to travel and promote active travel options such as walking and cycling- the need to travel is dictated by the needs of the children
  - Reduce potential impacts of flooding associated with your proposed development- there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant
  - Minimise water use associated with your proposed development and ensure the sustainable management of water- there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant



- Ensure that biodiversity, green infrastructure and landscaping proposals are designed in a way that is resilient to climate change impacts now and in the future and provide adaptation benefits - there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant
- Reduce air pollution associated with your proposed development- there are no physical changes to the building so this criteria is not relevant

1.4. As a change of use application with no physical changes, other than providing an electrical charging point, there are no other appropriate measures that could reasonably be taken.

## 2. A Sustainability Statement

- 2.1. A sustainability statement outlines the impacts and benefits to the environments that will arise as part of the proposed development. It should also highlight any mitigation strategies proposed to reduce negative impacts of the development.
- 2.2. Section 39 (2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the local plan to promote sustainable development. Local Plan Policies SP1 Development Strategy and SP2 Sustainable Development detail the council's approach to sustainable development.
- 2.3. Policy SP2 sets out how sustainable development requirements will be applied at the local level in Wyre. It also sets out the sustainable framework to ensure housing provision meets the needs of all sections of the community and facilitate the provision of strategic and local infrastructure and services.
- 2.4. In terms of the sustainability of the location, OFSTED will require a local risk assessment before approving the property as a care home. Planning is therefore not the only form of regulation which controls the suitability of the location. A basic principle in assessing a planning application is whether there is other legislation which is more appropriate to regulate the proposed development. In the case of children's care homes, the relevant powers are set out in:
- Care Standards Act 2000
  - The Care Standards Act 2000 (Registration)(England) Regulations 2010



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The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015  
Children's Homes and Looked after Children (Miscellaneous  
Amendments) (England) Regulations 2013

- 2.5. As a change of use application with no physical changes, there are no other appropriate measures that could reasonably be taken.