

Late Update Sheet – Planning Committee – 19 August 2026

Item 4: 11/26/0191 - 1 Bamford Crescent, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 2PQ

1. Consultation response – Lancashire County Council Children's Services

A consultation response has been received from Lancashire County Council's Children's Services, raising the following concerns:

- *Lancashire County Council's Children's Services objects to this planning application as there is not a local need for any further agency children's homes in Lancashire County Council's boundaries.*
- *There has been no discussions between Lancashire Children's Services and the provider about the need for this home and its use for Lancashire children.*
- *There are 2 other Ofsted registered children's homes within a mile of this proposed home.*

Notwithstanding the above objection, officers do not consider that this consultation response would result in a change to the recommendation set out in the published Officer Report.

As set out in the report, previous appeal Inspectors have afforded only limited weight to the Council's *Children's Residential and Supported Accommodation Supplementary Planning Guidance*. Furthermore, there is no requirement within planning policy for an applicant to demonstrate a need for the proposed children's home. A lack of compliance with the County Council's commissioning strategy does not, in itself, constitute a reasonable planning objection.

2. Proposed staff shift patterns

Further information has also been provided by the applicant regarding the proposed staff shift patterns. Shift handover would take place at 10:00am, with a typical duty pattern as follows:

Shift handover would take place at 10am, so a typical duty plan would look like;

- *1000-2300 On duty*
- *Sleep In; Same Staff Remain On Site*
- *Next Shift 0800-2300, same staff*
- *Sleep In; Same Staff Remain On Site*
- *Finish following morning, 1000 handover*

This allows for a 48-hour continuous presence for each shift with a 10am handover, so no late night exchanges which may cause unnecessary noise or aural disruption within the locality.

Having regard to the additional information provided by the applicant, officers consider that there is no longer a requirement to impose recommended planning condition 4 of the Officer Report should the Committee resolve to approve the application in accordance with the officer recommendation.