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**Re. 48 The Runway**

Dear Planning,

Thank you for sight of this application on which I comment from a crime prevention and safety perspective only. I have read the supplied documentation and I know the area concerned very well.

It is difficult to predict the impact that this facility could have on the neighbourhood. The increasing numbers of such applications is causing discussions to be had at a national level within police, and emerging evidence suggests that these homes, unless carefully managed, are causing real problems for the local population.

There is evidence to suggest that 'county lines' type activity around the supply of drugs is a particular issue, with young occupants of homes being actively targeted for involvement.

What I would have wanted to see is a strong and robust documented procedure around how problem behaviour and disruptive children would be dealt with to prevent it being an issue for other people living nearby.

Whilst the desire to provide as near as is possible a caring home life for these individuals is laudable, the potential for them to be disruptive to others is a real issue.

CCTV would certainly be necessary to record the comings and goings of visitors to the home and should also cover the immediate surrounds of the home.

I would also like to see it deployed in the communal areas to protect both the children and the staff, and to act as a deterrent to bad behaviour. It should record remotely to prevent unauthorised tampering with the recorder at a local level.

The location is a quite residential area and was designed as that. This change of occupancy has great potential to become a disruption to the immediate neighbours and also the local police.

In the absence of an documented procedure, such as mentioned above, I would not be able to support this application.

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