

Comments for Planning Application APP/16/00471

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/16/00471

Address: 209 London Road, Cowplain, Waterloooville, PO8 8ER

Proposal: Change of use to C2 (Care facility for up to 4 children with learning disabilities plus supporting live-in staff).

Case Officer: Tina Pickup

Customer Details

Name: Mr Andrew Bundy

Address: Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant PO9 2AX

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultation modified

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing as secretary of the Havant Area Disability Access Group, however the following neutral comments are spread across the interests of the group, and my personal experience in the residential care sector.

I raise these questions/comments for the benefit of the applicant to save costly changes when registering with both the Care Quality Commission and OFSTED as would be required based on the description given.

According to the recently adopted Parking SPD, five parking spaces minimum would be required even though said document has confused the category definitions. You will need to find the valid version only located under cabinet meeting minutes at this time.

Additionally, while a change of use is indicated, the form states under section 14 (Existing Use) that it is already a C2 Care Facility, which is a singular category covering multiple uses. Out of interest, I searched both CQC and OFSTED (children's homes are generally dual registered) and could find nothing for that postcode.

Having worked in a residential settings I would be concerned whether there is adequate space for four children's rooms, plus accommodation for four live-in staff which would satisfy current CQC requirements. That is only a comment, however, as there is no site information.

That said, the area needs more residential capacity in this client group, especially in conjunction with the new Smile Centre which is situated quite close by.