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Your Ref: APP/20/01180
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Dear Ms Wells,

Planning Application ref: APP/20/01180 – 193 London Road, Waterloooville

My clients have become aware of some concerns being expressed by some local residents about the proposal and therefore wanted to provide further clarification and understanding of how the Children's Home will run to help put their minds at rest.

They would like to comment as follows:

'The house will accommodate up to 4 children, between the ages of 10 and 18 years, who have experienced physical and/or emotional abuse or neglect and those with a Learning Disability (LD).

Our primary aim and focus is to create a safe nurturing environment in which the children feel at home, where they feel supported to re-discover and if necessary, re-invent themselves safely and without prejudice, and we strive very hard to achieve this. This all occurs in a shared living setting which builds on social understanding and respect.

The staff will be recruited on the basis of their skills, but also their energy, emotional resilience, empathy and integrity. We have a rigorous recruitment process which seeks to maintain a diverse, highly skilled, empathetic, self-aware staff team who are individually emotionally resilient and can offer good role modelling to the children.

We encourage the children to make a positive contribution to the local community and develop their skills through education, clubs, sports, music, recreation, and social interaction.'

If this letter could please be displayed on the Council's website that would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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