

Security Statement

Proposed Change of Use: Residential Dwelling (Use Class C3) to Residential Care Home (Use Class C2)

Address: 166 Woodrow Avenue, Hayes, UB4 8QR

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1.0 Introduction

This Security Statement outlines the safeguarding and site management measures that will be implemented at 166 Woodrow Avenue.

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate that the proposed two-bed children's home will operate safely, responsibly and without adverse impact on neighbouring residents.

The security approach is proportionate, domestic in character and compliant with regulatory standards.

2.0 General Safeguarding Framework

The home will be Ofsted-registered and operate in accordance with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.

Security and safeguarding will be overseen by:

- The Registered Manager
- The Responsible Individual
- The on-duty senior staff member

All staff will receive safeguarding training and enhanced DBS clearance.

The small scale of the home enables high levels of supervision and monitoring at all times.

3.0 Access Control

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Access to the property will be controlled and monitored.

Measures include:

- The front door remaining locked at all times
- Visitors admitted only by staff
- Pre-arranged professional visits
- Visitor sign-in procedures

There will be no open access or unrestricted visiting hours.

The home will operate as a controlled residential environment.

4.0 External Security Measures

There are no proposed external alterations to the property.

Security will rely primarily on:

- Standard residential locks and window restrictors
- Staff presence 24 hours a day
- Controlled entry procedures

Any lighting associated with the property will remain typical of a standard domestic dwelling and will not create excessive light spill or disturbance.

There will be no institutional signage identifying the property as a children's home.

5.0 Supervision and Staffing

The most significant security feature of the home is continuous staff supervision.

Key factors include:

- 24-hour staffing
- Sleep-in provision within the ground floor office
- Extended 24 to 48 hour shifts reducing handovers
- Immediate staff response to incidents

The limited number of residents significantly reduces safeguarding complexity.

6.0 Incident Response

Clear procedures will be in place for:

- Missing from home incidents
- Behavioural escalation

- Contact with police where required
- Emergency services access

The home will follow established safeguarding protocols and the Philomena Protocol where appropriate.

All incidents will be recorded and reviewed by senior management.

7.0 Community Reassurance

The Good Neighbour and Community Engagement Plan provides an additional layer of reassurance to local residents.

The Registered Manager will act as the primary contact for any concerns relating to security or behaviour.

Issues raised by neighbours will be addressed promptly and formally recorded.

8.0 Policy Alignment

The proposal aligns with:

National Planning Policy Framework objectives promoting safe and secure environments.

Hillingdon Local Plan policies supporting well-managed development compatible with residential surroundings.

Given the small scale, full-time supervision and absence of external intensification, the proposal does not give rise to crime or security concerns.

9.0 Conclusion

The proposed two-bed children's home at 166 Woodrow Avenue will operate within a controlled, supervised and professionally managed environment.

Security arrangements are proportionate, domestic in character and consistent with regulatory requirements.

There is no planning basis to conclude that the proposal would give rise to safety or crime-related harm.