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**Subject:** RE: Planning Application WSCC/041/23 at 57 Ardsheal Road, Gaisford, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 7RN  
**Date:** 30 November 2023 14:19:27

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Dear Edward

Many thanks for replying to me and for answering my queries. I have read through the document and everything has been covered by you or the attached information.

I sit on the Children's services scrutiny committee, so whenever the accommodation and service is inspected I should find out how everything is working out. I obviously wish whoever has to be placed there never needed to face that situation, but I fully understand the complexities that lead children into care, and a safe home for children always has to be the priority.

Of course we won't be privy to the placements, and as it will be up to children's services to place the children. I just immediately felt a child with sensory needs next to a fire station could cause all manner of distress, but of course the service will be aware of the needs of any child they place. I think my mum hat was on in that comment!

I have not further comments or queries other than to add that I hope all goes smoothly with the application and whoever lives there anytime, may they feel safe and truly cared for.

Best Wishes

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Good afternoon Dawn,

Thank you for your response on this application. In response to the queries you have raised, I would offer the following comments:

The change of use would allow for the siting and care of a maximum of two children and six adults staying in the accommodation at any one time within the provided three bedrooms. The adults staying in the accommodation will be overseeing the care of the children under WSCC children's services. This is outlined within the Planning Statement, which I have attached for reference.

We do not necessarily need to know, nor can we control, the cohort of the children to be housed here as that would extend beyond what we are able to reasonably control at the planning stage.

That said, I am confident that WSCC Childrens Services will do everything they can to ensure the compatibility and safety of the residents at the site and the operational Fire Station (subject to consent being granted).

I hope that answers your queries but, if not, I would be happy to direct your comments toward the applicant for their consideration.

Kind regards,

**Edward Anderson**

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Dear Planning Team

Thank you for advising me of these plans, which I fully support. As the fire Service no longer needs the property I can not think of any greater use of West Sussex assets than to house vulnerable children in need of emergency accommodation in Broadwater, or anywhere. I am also a Worthing Borough councillor and work in the housing team, so I am very much aware of housing needs. Keeping local children safely housed will always have my support, albeit it initially as emergency or temporary accommodation. If we can house children close to their schooling or colleges and keep community ties it has to be a huge benefit to their wellbeing at a time of tremendous insecurity facing homelessness.

Am I able to ask how many children will be living here? Will this be as a care home with staff or for children with their families/carers? What age group will this cater for and will it be for any particular cohort of children? I ask the last question because it will be located next to the fire station and many children with additional needs such as autism have sensory needs, so the sirens could be literally quite alarming to the resident's. It is also located by a very busy road, so will there be safety measures for the entrance/exit to prevent anyone running straight out to the road?

Many thanks for considering my support and questions.

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The above planning application has recently been received by West Sussex County Council.

The relevant plans and information can be viewed on our website at:

<https://westsussex.planning-register.co.uk/planning/display/WSCC/041/23>

Should you wish to comment, please do so by 05/12/2023.

If we have not heard from you by this date, we shall assume you have no comments to make; however, if your observations are likely to be delayed beyond the date given, please inform us as soon as possible

If you have any queries, please email [planning.applications@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@westsussex.gov.uk) or call 01243 642118.

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