

Planning Application Statement – Your Ref: V/2025/0661

To: Planning Team

Ashfield District Council

My name is Sean Beastall. I am the Partnerships and Projects Officer for Ashfield District Council Community Safety team.

We have recently been in discussions with our Police Partners, Ashfield District Council Community Protection and Housing teams about having a base for professionals only on the Leamington Estate in Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Background

The Leamington Estate in Sutton-in-Ashfield has one of the highest levels of deprivation in Nottinghamshire. It has also been identified for high levels of ASB and criminal activity including drug dealing associated with county lines and organised crime gangs.

Feelings of Safety surveys have been carried out which identified the top 5 issues as:

- Illegal drugs/drug dealing
- Vehicle Nuisance (speeding vehicles, e-scooters/bikes)
- Vandalism and criminal damage
- Littering and fly tipping
- Animal problems/issues (dog fouling)

21% of residents on the estate have no confidence in Ashfield District Council or the Police and 54% of those surveyed said they want more Police/Community Protection Officer patrols.

The Community Safety Team has already established an operational partnership called Operation Leamington to address the anti-social behaviour and criminality issues on the Estate. The partners are from Nottinghamshire Police, schools in the area, Social Care, Youth Services, Active Notts, Children's Society and other Ashfield District Council departments. This Project brings stakeholders together to identify children and young people causing issues on the estate, develop plans to address the issues and monitor outcomes.

Due to the issues on the Leamington estate funding has been made available by Sport England and the East Midlands Mayoral Fund for initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

Proposal

Following a Closure Order and notice being given, 7 Jephson Buildings, a ground floor flat on the Leamington estate has become available. The property is in a prime location opposite the shops.

This proposal is to convert this into a multi-agency Community Base for professionals. The Leamington Estate Base will initially serve as a base for Ashfield District Council Officers and Nottinghamshire Police Officers. This will:

- Provide a visible Police and Ashfield District Council Officer presence on the Estate.

- Enable more effective partnership working to deter anti-social behaviour and crime
- Combine resources with other partners to make a bigger impact.
- Provide place-based working – dealing with the issues quicker and more efficiently.
- Enable Officers to get involved in other local initiatives on the Estate.

The desired outcomes are:

- To see a reduction in anti-social behaviour and crime.
- Increase residents' feelings of safety.
- Build confidence and trust of residents.
- Provide support for vulnerable residents
- Link into other projects on the estate
- Create a model that can be used in other areas.

This Project will run for 18 months and will be evaluated throughout to identify success measures and improvements needed.

Plans for Property

There won't be any changes to the elevation plans.

Office One will be the old Lounge area.

Office Two will be the old bedroom.

Kitchen to remain as a kitchen.

Bathroom to remain as a bathroom.

Hallway to remain as a hallway.

Yours sincerely,



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