



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE
PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Application number	V/2026/0009
Proposal	Construction of a c2 care facility for 4 children
Address	5 Orchard Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 8JX
Date	26/01/2026
Consultee	Nottinghamshire Police: Designing Out Crime (Architectural Liaison Officer), The Prevention Hub, Sherwood Lodge, Nottingham. NG5 8PP.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this application.

It is the responsibility of the Designing Out Crime Officer to consider the “built environment” within the planning aspect of any development to mitigate any crime and disorder risks. This does not preclude recommendations from other interested parties within Nottinghamshire Police if required.

We have considered this application in the context of current legislation and guidance detailed at the conclusion of this letter.

This planning application relates to a proposed Children’s Home in the postcode of NG17 8JX, which is within the lower super output area (LSOA) of E01027947 which attracts slightly higher than average crime and disorder levels with vehicle crime being in the 60th percentile, cycle theft 53rd percentile, and drugs offences in the 56th percentile (fig 1).

Your postcode centroid, NG178JX, has been matched to this LSOA:
 E01027947. Where 0 equals lowest and 100 equals highest ranked crime rate.

Crime Type	Rank
All Crime & ASB	52.463
All Crime (No ASB)	55.916
Anti Social Behaviour	41.292
Burglary	47.317
Robbery	47.545
Vehicle Crime	59.954
Violent Crime	53.287
Drug Crimes	55.943
Criminal Damage & Arson	45.197
Shoplifting	86.592
Other Theft	40.451
Other Crime	39.401
Bike Theft (from May 2013)	52.506
Theft From the Person (from May 2013)	56.553
Possession of Weapons (from May 2013)	72.279
Public Order (from May 2013)	36.699

Figure 1: Crime and disorder by LSOA (E01027947)

After liaison with the Neighbourhood Policing Team, the primary concern is vulnerable children leaving the home without agreement and then being deemed as missing, resulting in the police commencing an investigation to locate them. A management plan is required to mitigate these concerns and ensure there is a process in place with the local policing team to respond appropriately.

This should include details of how the premises will be operated, managed, and conflict resolution procedures for issues that may affect the local neighbourhood.

Any child who has a history of, 'going missing' on a frequent basis should be raised with the Nottinghamshire Police, 'Children in Care' Officer in order that an appropriate plan is in place ahead of any reported incident.

In addition, we would make the following recommendations in the interests of preventing crime and disorder and keeping everyone safe:

- External CCTV (SbD – Secured by Design - approved specifications) with doorbell camera at main entrance
- Secure cycle storage (SbD approved specifications)
- Dusk until dawn external lighting to compliment the CCTV system (SbD approved specifications)
- Good neighbour policy shared with neighbours

This planning application should also adhere to the Secured by Design standards to ensure it meets the required security standards for a property of this type and intended use.

‘Secured by Design’ (SbD) is a police initiative to guide and encourage those engaged within the specification, design and build of new homes, and those undertaking major or minor property refurbishment, to adopt crime prevention measures. ‘Secured by Design’ is proven to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime, creating safer, more secure, and sustainable environments.

Secured by Design is owned by the UK Police Service and is supported by the Home Office, Building Control Departments in England (Part Q Security – Dwellings), Scotland (Building Standard 4.13) and Wales (Part Q Security – Dwellings) all reference SBD.

Secured by Design (SBD) is a place-based approach to crime reduction that brings together standards of physical security with the broader principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to set minimum requirements that enable properties to be awarded SBD status. The results of several studies have shown that housing design plays a key role in influencing offender decision-making, the risk of surveillance and standards of physical security being primary deterrents.

Therefore, it is requested that the Secured by Design standard is adopted as part of this property development. Nottinghamshire Police Designing Out Crime Officers will be available to provide ongoing guidance to the developer in the adoption of the SbD standards. The SbD standards are also available to view at: <https://www.securedbydesign.com/images/HOMES%20GUIDE%20May%202024.pdf>

Crime prevention advice is given free of charge without the intention of creating a contract. Neither the Home Office nor the Police Service takes any legal responsibility for the advice given. However, if the advice is implemented it will reduce the opportunity for crimes to be committed.

Yours faithfully,

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