

17th July 2023



Dear Neighbour,

Proposed Children's Care Home at Aysgarth, Harlestone Road, Church Brampton, Northamptonshire

I am writing to you in relation to a planning application that will shortly be submitted at the property known as Aysgarth, Harlestone by Gillings Planning on behalf of ourselves Esland. The application will seek full planning permission to change the use of the existing property from a standard dwelling house to a children's care home. Once the application has been submitted, the Council will notify local residents separately and anyone will be able to comment on the application should they wish to.

The purpose of this letter is to explain a little about ourselves, to provide some information about how the care home will operate and to provide our contact details should you wish to discuss.

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On average, 6 in 10 children have adverse childhood experiences and Esland are committed to supporting the most in need, changing a young person's life for the better. The young people placed in Esland homes are often the victims of abuse and trauma and placing them in a stable and therapeutic environment is a critical part of their journey of recovery. Esland operates a number of homes across the country. Esland fully considers where each individual young person is placed and seeks to ensure that the needs of the young person are well matched with the location they are placed, both for the young person, but also to ensure the amenity of neighbours and the wider environment is respected.

Residents and carers at Esland homes form strong links with their communities and young people are encouraged to be part of this. No complaints have been received from local residents in relation to any of the other village properties that Esland operates. Whilst a children's care home operates much like a family home, a care home is a professionally run operation with a clear chain of responsibility. Managers are responsible for the safe and respectful environment and should planning permission be granted, Esland encourage a good relationship with yourselves as neighbours. Esland

homes seek to provide a supportive and nurturing family home environment to ensure the young person feels safe and relaxed. Through their provision of innovative care and education they enable the young person to overcome trauma and thrive into adulthood.

The use of Aysgarth as a Care Home

It is proposed that the property will accommodate young people aged between 8-17 years and create a home for a very small number of young people who will live and socialise together, akin to a family. Care will be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with staff running the home through shift work patterns.

The number of care staff onsite will be determined by the needs of each of the young person and will vary depending on their support needs. A Home Manager will be on site every day (Mon-Fri) with a small number of care workers providing night-time supervision. No staff will live full-time at the property. Overall, the number of staff will be flexible depending on the needs of the young person. We will ensure that no parking takes place on the road.

As you may know, the property is to rent, rather than for sale, so the intention is to apply for a flexible use, such that if the care home use ceases in the future, it can revert back to a standard dwelling house as currently, without requiring further planning permission.

As a close neighbour, we would be pleased to talk through the proposals should you wish to do so. We are keen to establish a good relationship and dialogue with you, as we have elsewhere, so would be keen to meet.

Should you wish to meet or if you would like to discuss the proposal once the application has been submitted, please feel free to contact Esland's Operations Director, Melanie Dougill, on 07554 777413 or via email at melaniedougill@eslandcare.co.uk

In addition, we would also like to inform you that in order to introduce Esland more widely in Church Brampton, Melanie, together with a representative from Gillings, will be attending the Church and Chapel Brampton Parish Council meeting this coming Thursday 20th July at 7.30pm (subject to confirmation of our inclusion on the agenda). If you are able to attend, Melanie will be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you with any comments or queries that you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Snelling, Property Manager, Esland.