
SECURITY STATEMENT

Prepared on behalf of: Zeeshan Deen

Site address: 12 St Ronans Road, Reading, RG30 2QE

Application type: Full Planning Permission

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1.0 Introduction

This Security Statement has been prepared by Inhaus Planning on behalf of Zeeshan Deen in connection with the proposed children's home at 12 St Ronans Road, Reading, RG30 2QE. It sets out the security arrangements that will be in place to protect the safety and wellbeing of residents and staff, and to ensure that the home operates in a manner that is secure, well-managed and compliant with all applicable safeguarding requirements.

2.0 Approach to Security

The security approach for the home is founded on the principle that security measures must be proportionate, domestic in character and, above all, child-centred. The home must feel like a safe, comfortable domestic environment for its residents, not an institutional or restrictive setting. Security measures are therefore designed to be robust but unobtrusive, maintaining the residential character of the property and the neighbourhood whilst providing an effective framework for the protection of all who live and work in the home.

3.0 Staffing and Supervision

The most effective security measure within the home is the continuous, 24-hour presence of trained professional staff. At all times, a minimum of one member of staff will be awake and alert within the home. During daytime hours, a minimum ratio of 2:1 will be maintained, providing a consistently high level of oversight and immediate response capacity. All staff will be trained in safeguarding, conflict de-escalation and emergency response procedures.

4.0 Access and Visitor Management

Access to the home will be managed carefully to ensure that only authorised individuals are admitted. A clear visitor management protocol will be maintained, requiring all visitors to be pre-authorised by the Registered Manager and to sign in and out on each visit. Professional visitors, including social workers, health professionals and Ofsted inspectors, will be verified prior to admission. No visitor will be permitted access to the home without prior authorisation and appropriate identification.

Residents' personal contacts, including family members, will be managed in accordance with the young person's care plan and any court orders or safeguarding restrictions in place. Contact arrangements will be agreed with the placing local authority and documented in the young person's care records.

5.0 Physical Security Measures

The home will be fitted with appropriate physical security measures consistent with those of a well-maintained domestic property. These will include secure locks on all external doors and ground floor windows, appropriate external lighting to the front and rear of the property, and a door entry system to control access to the building. CCTV provision will be considered in line with regulatory guidance, ensuring that any monitoring is proportionate, lawful and consistent with the dignity and privacy rights of

residents.

No external security features will be installed that would alter the domestic appearance of the property or be visually incongruous within the residential streetscene. The security measures described are those that would be found in any well-managed family home and are wholly proportionate to the scale and nature of the use.

6.0 Safeguarding and Risk Management

The home's security arrangements are integrated within its broader safeguarding framework, operating in accordance with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and Working Together to Safeguard Children (DfE, 2026). Individual risk assessments will identify any specific security concerns associated with particular residents and will set out proportionate management strategies. These assessments will be reviewed regularly and updated following any incident or change in the young person's circumstances.

7.0 Incident Response

In any security incident, including unauthorised access, threats to staff or residents, or any other emergency, on-duty staff will contact Thames Valley Police and the emergency services as required, without delay. The Registered Manager and Responsible Individual will be informed immediately. A detailed incident report will be completed and the home's security procedures will be reviewed in light of the incident to determine whether any additional measures are required.

8.0 Conclusion

The security arrangements described in this Statement demonstrate that the proposed children's home will be operated in a manner that is safe, well-managed and consistent with the highest standards of residential childcare practice. The measures in place are proportionate, domestic in character and wholly appropriate to the residential setting. They will protect the safety of residents, staff and neighbours without creating any visual or operational impact that would be incongruous within the established residential neighbourhood.