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The Chief Planning Officer
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03 December 2024

Dear Sirs,

**RE: 9 PRIORY CLOSE, SOMPTING, LANCING, BN15 0EB**

Please accept this letter and accompanying application forms and plans as an application under Section 192 of the Town & Country Planning Act (TCPA) to confirm that the proposed use of the dwellinghouse at 9 Priory Close ("the dwellinghouse") is lawful.

The existing lawful use of the dwellinghouse is as a single dwelling falling within class C3 of the Town and Country planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

The proposed use of the dwellinghouse is as a supported living providing a long-term home for up to three looked-after children, supported and funded by the local authority's children's services. The children will reside at the property as a stable family unit, cared for by two adults on a 24/7 basis.

Use Class C3 of the Town and Country planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) is for the use of buildings as dwellinghouses. i.e. Houses, Flats, Apartments, Bungalows or similar. The full description is for the use as a dwellinghouse (whether or not as a sole or main residence) by—

*(a) a single person or by people to be regarded as forming a single household*

*(b) not more than six residents living together as a single household where care is provided for residents; or*
*(c) not more than six residents living together as a single household where no care is provided to residents (other than a use within Class C4).*

It is not development to move between Classes C3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) – this is made clear by Article 3 (1A) of the Use Class Order (UCO).

*3. —(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, where a building or other land is used for a purpose of any class specified in the Schedule, the use of that building or that other land for any other purpose of the same class shall not be taken to involve development of the land.*

As stated above, the proposed use of 9 Priory Close is as supported living for three children aged between seven and eighteen. The children will live permanently in the house as their main place of residence and will be taken care of by a team of carers who would provide 24/7 support in the home, including at least one carer staying overnight in the house. The children and carers would live as a family in terms of cooking, shopping and activities in the house.

The proposed use of the dwellinghouse mirrors the characteristics of a family home, where the children and carers live together and share domestic facilities and activities in a manner consistent with Use Class C3(b).

The property will remain as a single household, with no operational development or alterations required to the building.

The children and their carers will engage with the local community in the same way any family would, maintaining the character and appearance of the dwelling and its surroundings.

For these reasons we firmly believe the existing and proposed uses to both fall within Use Class C3.

I trust this application meets the council's requirements for consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact Luke Carter on 01273 413700 if further details, supporting information, or clarifications are needed.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Yours faithfully,

**LCP**

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