

Supporting Statement – 26 Hamlet Road, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8EH

About Us

Area Camden Limited are a leading provider of care and accommodation for children and young people. We enable children and young people to develop their life skills whilst living in a safe, nurturing environment as close to a family home as possible. We work closely with all of our young people to help them achieve their goals, putting them at the centre of every decision that we make.

Why this Property

We are acquiring 26 Hamlet Road to become a home for up to four young people and are requesting change of use planning permission.

Whilst looking for suitable properties we need to identify space for the children, staff to sleep, office and meeting space as well as shared living areas. We look for properties that are in good condition that require minimal adjustments to meet the Quality Standards for a children's home. We believe this property meets all our requirements and would enable us to provide a good high-quality home for vulnerable local children.

We anticipate the property would generally be occupied by a maximum of up to 4 children between the ages of 10 to 17; and they may stay with us for a period of a few months to a few years, according to their individual situation.

Our homes, set in a both urban and rural communities, are able to support young people's emotional, social, mental, and academic progression and enable them to grow and realise their full potential. Our homes follow a multi-agency approach, with integrated therapeutic modules of care, enabling us to support vulnerable children and young people who have, or are experiencing, trauma, attachment difficulties, and social, emotional, and mental health difficulties.

The staff, children and young people in our existing homes have become part of their local community; forming positive relationships within the area. We are looking forward to adding to the community of Haverhill with 9 Tasman Road.

What We Provide

We provide a therapeutic parenting model of care for children that have often experienced significant trauma in their childhood and our skilled staff look beyond presenting behaviour, addressing the underlying emotional need of the young person, which results in long term positive change. Our homes have a good relationship with the regulator, Ofsted who carry out regular visits to ensure the quality of care and home environment to ensure children progress, we are committed to providing opportunity for long term stability to those facing the most complex challenges; promoting emotional wellbeing, resilience, and opportunity to help young people achieve positive outcomes. Ofsted have rated all of our homes as good or outstanding.



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We will provide a safe, warm, nurturing and empowering environment for young people to live in, to fulfil their own aspirations, we believe that all children and young people are entitled to safe accommodation, our homes offer a stable, caring family environment, which promotes positive attitudes and proactive support to each young person, our emphasis is on creating a holistic environment where young people are encouraged to explore their potential and develop their personality.

Part of the Polaris Community

Area Camden are part of Polaris Community, one of the UK's leading communities of children's services providers and the very first provider of independent fostering in the UK, our community of services span the length and breadth of the whole of the UK.

We provide an extensive range of children's services, which have grown and developed over our 30+ year history to ensure we can support children across a wide range of needs. By combining our community's wide scale of services, as well as well as our local links, we're transforming the future of children and children's services. To read more about us, please follow this link: <https://www.polariscommunity.co.uk>.

Shift Patterns and Staffing

Two fully trained employees are on duty both during the day and at night. One of the two members of staff on duty at night would be sleeping, whilst the other was awake. A maximum of up to four children would reside within the home at any one time.

Area Camden are recruiting new members of staff for the property. Any new members of staff are enrolled on a relevant qualification and will always work with a fully qualified and experienced staff member.

Visitors may come to the home during the day time, by appointment only. All visitors are recorded within the home's visitor book. Visitors and staff will be required to park on the properties driveway. Please refer to the submitted parking plan for the property demonstrating the parking arrangements. The site has two dedicated parking bays and one additional parking bay for visitors. A vehicle charging point will be available.

The home will have a full time Registered Manager and will always have 2 support workers on site – our staff work on a shift pattern of 2 days on / 4 days off with change-over at 8am each day. A typical shift pattern is 8am to 8pm; for day shift and 8pm to 8am for night shift.

This property will provide a nurturing environment for vulnerable local children who will be supported to grow and flourish within the community of Haverhill.