

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

### Why do we want to open children's homes in Haverhill?

My Grandparents moved to Haverhill in the 1950s, they ran a local public house and my Grandfather also taught swimming and PE at the local primary school Place Farm. My Grandparents brought up all 8 of their children in the area, one being my father. My four siblings and I all grew up in Haverhill and we all remain living locally, with our grown children and now grandchildren. That's five generations of knowledge spanning over a 100 years of the town and what it has to offer.

I shared my thoughts of what a great place Haverhill is for children to grow up with Polaris Community, and it is clear that the town has many opportunities to offer any family wanting to raise a family. This is the same for children in care, when looking to open a home, we look for areas in which children will thrive and Haverhill is certainly one of them.

We are currently in the process of purchasing 26 Hamlet Road, it is close to the town, with access to large open green spaces. There are a wealth of groups and leisure facilities for the children, along with the two upper schools where we would hope to enroll the children. The home will offer a family environment for up to 4 children aged from 11 to 17, we will work with the vast networks of teams to support the children to achieve the best possible outcomes. I have included one of our most recent inspections for a home that is outstanding and some of the reports you will read about the type of guidance and support us carry out with children; this is our commitment to them in everything that we do.

The property will be maintained to a high standard, as we create lasting homes for children who want to live in a home that they are proud of.

We would be offering careers and employment opportunities, we have been approached already from interested parties wanting to work at the homes, and we want to offer local employment.

We really do feel with the knowledge we already have of the town and the locations of this new home we have chosen, we have made the very best decision in requesting registration in Haverhill.

We are aware there are some other local children's homes registered with Broadlands Group, the cohort of children they accommodate denotes a more rural location, and it is not our intention to accommodate similar behavioral needs. When assessing the children to be accommodated in Haverhill we will always consider the location.

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