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Date: 17 December 2025

Location: 2A Monks Drive Longridge PR3 3FR
Proposal: Proposed change of use from dwelling house (Class C3) to residential children's home (Class C2) for up to 2 children aged 4-18.
Grid Ref: 360041 436612

Dear Maya Cullen

With regard to your consultation letter dated 26 November 2025, I have the following comments to make based on all the information provided by the applicant to date and after undertaking a site visit.

Summary

Lancashire County Council acting as the Local Highway Authority (LHA) does not consider that the application as submitted fully assesses the highway impact of the proposed development and further information is required as set out in this response.

Advice to Local Planning Authority

Introduction

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) are in receipt of an application for the proposed change of use of residential care home (use class C2) to a children's home (use class C2) at Alston Lodge, Lower Lane, Longridge.

Site Access

The site will be accessed via an existing access onto Monks Drive, an unclassified road with a speed limit of 20 mph fronting the site access.

Internal Layout

The LHA have reviewed the existing and proposed site plan and are aware that the proposal has limited off-street parking provisions due to the length of the driveway measuring approximately 4m long. The LHA usually request that parking spaces measure 2.4m wide and a minimum of 4.8m wide.

The proposal states that 2 looked-after children can be catered for and that, depending on the age of the children, 2-3 members of staff are likely to be present at the site. Given the limited length of the existing driveway and the presence of existing on-street parking

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taking place, the LHA would look for the driveway to be extended for at least 5m to the East. This will help reduce the need for vehicles to overhang the footway and/or remove the need for a third vehicle to park on street.

The site is also located within a sustainable area with bus stops situated within walking distance on Preston Road, as well as local facilities and amenities situated within Longridge town centre. The development also includes covered secure cycle storage, which would further encourage sustainable forms of transport.

As such, the LHA requests that an amended plan be provided showing the parking area extended in order to support more efficient parking provisions within the site and reduce the need to add to the existing demand for on street parking.

Yours sincerely
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