REVISED NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Project Location: 2 Kings Close, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7RD
Original Planning Reference: AVA/2024/0067
Proposal: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary Condition 3 of planning permission AVA/2024/0067 to increase the permitted upper age limit of residents from 17 to 18 years of age.



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1. Introduction & Operational Ethos

This Noise Management Plan (NMP) has been prepared in support of an application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary Condition 3, increasing the upper age limit of residents from 17 to 18 years of age. The property operates as a specialist, therapeutic residential care home for up to four young people with learning disabilities, neurodevelopmental disorders, or emotional and behavioural needs.

The primary objective is to maintain a stable, domestic environment replicating a traditional family home. While residents aged 17–18 are moving toward adulthood, developmental delays mean they require continued stability to prevent care "cliff-edges". Assure Residential Care is committed to minimizing any potential noise footprint to protect the residential amenity of neighbouring properties on Kings Close and Sovereign Way.

2. General Noise Mitigation & Community Integration

- **Structured Routines:** Young people will be engaged in full-time education, vocational training, or robust pathway planning activities. During weekends and holidays, structured community and cultural activities will encourage off-site enrichment.
- **De-escalation Protocols:** Staff are professionally trained in therapeutic, evidence-based de-escalation techniques to manage internal friction or anxiety swiftly, preventing prolonged noise or distress.
- **Professional and Family Visits:** Multi-agency professional meetings and family visits will be scheduled strictly during standard daytime hours to eliminate late-evening disturbance.

3. Specific Noise Source Control Measures

Noise Category	Source Control Measures	Enhanced Mitigation (Age 17–18 Context)
Media & Music	• No loud music or media systems are permitted after 21:00 on weekdays and 21:30 on weekends. • First-floor bedroom windows feature opening restrictors to contain internal sound profiles.	• Young people will be provided with headphones for personal devices to foster independence while eliminating structural noise transfer. • Neighbours will be notified in advance of any milestone celebrations (e.g., 18th birthdays).
Vehicular Noise	• All staff and visitor parking is contained within the private driveway. • Vehicle audio systems and engines must be turned off immediately upon arrival.	• Staff car-sharing and public transit options are actively encouraged to reduce total traffic volume. • Delivery slots will be restricted to between 09:00 and 17:00.
Outdoor Areas	• Recreational garden use is promoted from morning until dusk.	• Courtyard/garden areas will not be used for social gatherings or phone calls after 21:30. • If outdoor sports/wide games are requested, staff will utilize the nearby local park.

	• Young people will not gather or play in the open front curtilage.	
Staff & Handovers	• Shift changeover times are fixed outside peak community hours (**07:30 and 22:00**). • Staff are prohibited from conducting handovers or conversations outdoors.	• The 22:00 night-shift arrival operates under strict "silent protocol" (dimmed lights, soft-close doors, low-volume radios). • Management will conduct routine shift audits to ensure staff leave the Close silently.

4. Pathways & Long-Term Management

Every placement is subject to a rigorous pre-admission matching risk assessment to ensure compatibility with both the existing resident group and the surrounding neighbourhood. In the rare event that a young person exhibits persistent behaviours that incompatible with a low-impact residential environment, the operator will work with the placing Local Authority to implement an organized transition to alternative adult supported accommodation.