

177a Uttoxeter Road Draycot ST119AB

- PROPOSAL-Change the use of the existing dwelling house to a residential care home for not more than six (6) people with learning difficulties requiring 24 hour support provided by care staff (no staff will live on site)
- Rationale - In October 2015, NHS England, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), and the Local Government Association (LGA) published "*Building the Right Support*."
- This is a national plan to develop community services and close inpatient facilities for people with a learning disability and/or autism including those with a mental health condition.
- The publication also looks at the impact of closing hospital beds for people with learning disabilities and the services that need to be in place in the community to support them.
- The Department of Health's 2012 highlights that community-based housing enables greater independence, inclusion and choice, and that challenging behaviour lessens with the right support. People with learning disability benefit from personalised care, not large congregate settings. Best practice is for them to live in small local community-based settings.
- The rear and front gardens are typically landscaped with mature trees/hedge affording the property a high level of screening and privacy.
- Given the specific needs of the residents, their home (which is what house would be) needs to be in a location which would provide for a calming, low stimulus environment ideal for this group of service users to live a fulfilling life. People with learning difficulties can find it difficult to manage the auditory and visual stimuli that day to day life presents and this property in a quite area is considered a safe environment.
- In terms of access to local services, all required services are located within a relatively proximity. A large family occupying the site would give rise to a similar pattern of use. Indeed, the service users will normally be transported to local services and facilities – e.g. day centres, local college, leisure facilities in a single vehicle and will not give rise to multiple individual trips.
- All residents will attend their medical appointments instead of professionals coming to the house, which is part of promoting their independence and re-integration into the community. This will limit the number of vehicles coming in and out of the property.

- None of the residents family members are allowed to visit the facility instead the residents are taken to their relatives properties using company registered vehicle
- The age group of majority of the residents is 45 – 75. None of the residents will be mixed in with different age group. For example a 45 year old resident will not be mixed with 75 year old residents. Majority of the residents are over 50 years old.
- All residents come from Stallington Hall Hospital and it is government directive that all residents should be living in a normal residential property and enjoy normal living conditions like their neighbours and thus this property serves this purpose to integrate the residents into the community
- The intended occupants of the house have been served a notice from their current location following the death of the landlord, and had to be rehoused. There is therefore an urgent need to rehouse these service users.
- The home will be/is registered with CQC (Care Quality Commission) as a residential care home for no more than 6 people with learning disabilities. And will be inspected annually in accordance with CQC regulations.
- The house will be staffed 24 hours a day with 2-4 care staff as well as a registered manager. The day shift will commence at 07:45 am and the night shift at 19:45 pm, and there will be no sleep-in.
- The facility only receives visits mainly from Ofsted or social workers. At most there is no more than two visitors at the property at any given time
- The site can take up to six designated parking spaces and there is potential for two more spaces to make spaces up to eight
- Residents will have their food cooked for them and everyone will eat from one dining table