

C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T		
REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE
Director of Planning and Development	Planning Committee	25 April 2023

<b>ADDENDUM</b>
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**ITEM 3d - 23/00100/FUL – 36 Empress Way, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6QB**

**The recommendation remains as per the original report**

The following consultee responses have been received:

**Lancashire County Councils Policy, Commissioning and Children’s Health Team** have made the following comments:

They have stated that despite having more than enough homes ‘on paper’ in the area, that they still struggle to find suitable, local good quality homes for some children. They consider that new homes should meet a local gap in provision and be delivered by providers who offer good quality, good value provision and who are committed to providing local homes for Lancashire children.

They consider that the proposal to develop a small children's home for up to 3 young people would help to meet a local gap in provision and have confirmed that they have an existing relationship with Northridge Care with both their homes in Lancashire caring for a Lancashire child. However, to date Northridge Care has chosen to not be part of LCC's children's home commissioning arrangements, which, if they were to join, would help to demonstrate their commitment to providing local homes for Lancashire children and further increase the likelihood of Lancashire children being cared for in this new home.

**The original report has been clarified as follows, with an additional condition recommended:**

It should be noted that whilst the description of development states that permission for the care of up to four children is sought, the applicant has confirmed that permission is only sought for three children. As the assessment has been made on the basis of three children the following condition is recommended:

‘The property shall only be used to accommodate up to three children at any one time.’

*Reason: To prevent an intensification of use which may give rise to wider impacts which would require more detailed assessment, having regard to the amenity of local residents, highway safety and the amenities of the area.*