

Supplementary Information for Online Planning Services:

61 Umfreville Road, London, N4

1. Introduction

This is an application for a **Certificate of Lawfulness** for the proposed change of use from **Use Class C3(a) to Use Class C3(b)** for the provision of supported living accommodation for adults requiring care and support.

2. Legal Basis

The application has been submitted under **Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**, seeking confirmation that the proposed development is lawful.

3. Proposed Use

The intended use of the property at **61 Umfreville Road, London, N4** falls within **Use Class C3(b)**, comprising a small supported living home for adults living together as a single household where care is provided.

4. Certificate of Lawfulness Sought

We are seeking a Certificate of Lawfulness to formally establish that the proposed use as a supported living home accommodating **up to five adult residents** falls within Use Class C3(b).

5. Relevant Use Class

Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouses) includes:

(a) Use as a dwelling house by:

- i. A single person or people living together as a single household;
- ii. Not more than six residents living together as a single household where care is provided for residents;
- iii. Not more than six residents living together as a single household where no care is provided to residents (other than a use within Class C4).

The proposed use satisfies subsection (ii) above.

6. No Physical Alterations

There will be **no physical changes or alterations to the property** which would require any additional planning approval.

The property will continue to operate as a residential dwelling with:

- Existing bedrooms
- Existing kitchen facilities
- Existing communal living areas
- Existing garden and amenity spaces

There will be no increase in the internal floor area and no building works are proposed.

7. Compliance with Use Class C3(b) Requirements

a) Number of Residents

The proposed use will accommodate a maximum of **five adult residents requiring care and support**, which is within the C3(b) limit of six residents living together as a single household.

b) Single Household Operation

The home will function as a single household with:

- Shared kitchen, dining and living areas
- Shared household routines and activities
- Communal meals and social interaction
- Shared use of outdoor amenity space
- Opportunities for residents to participate in household responsibilities according to their abilities
- A family-style domestic environment promoting independence and wellbeing

c) Care Provision

Comprehensive care and support will be provided according to individual needs, including:

- Personal care support where required
- Medication management and administration
- Health and wellbeing monitoring
- Emotional and mental health support
- Development of daily living skills
- Assistance with accessing community facilities and services

- Support with appointments, education, volunteering or employment opportunities
- Promotion of independent living and life skills

d) Residential Character

The property will retain the character and appearance of a normal residential dwelling and will operate in a manner consistent with other family homes within the surrounding neighbourhood.

8. Household Composition

Resident Household Members

- Up to 5 adults requiring care and support

Non-Resident Support Staff

- Day Support Worker(s)
- Waking Night Support Worker(s)
- Registered Manager
- Deputy Manager or Team Leader
- Operations and Quality Assurance Personnel

The support staff are non-resident and attend the property only as part of their employment duties.

The home will operate as a genuine single household where residents live together and receive care within a domestic setting.

9. Nature of the Supported Living Home

The supported living home has been designed to provide a stable, safe and nurturing environment for adults requiring care and support.

Residents will:

- Occupy the property as their home
- Have their own bedrooms
- Share communal facilities
- Participate in everyday household activities
- Be encouraged to develop independence
- Build positive social relationships

- Access local community resources and services

The property will not operate as:

- A nursing home
- A hospital
- An institution
- A hostel
- Temporary accommodation

Instead, it will function as a permanent home where residents live together as a single household with appropriate support.

10. Supporting Documentation

In addition to the site information required, the following comprehensive documentation has been submitted to demonstrate how the property will be used as a home:

a) Statement of Purpose

Outlining:

- Purpose and values of the supported living service
- Detailed care and support approach for residents
- Comprehensive staffing structure and qualifications
- Health and wellbeing support arrangements
- Safeguarding policies and procedures
- Daily living support and promotion of independence
- Quality assurance and regulatory compliance measures

b) Local Area Risk Assessment

Presenting a comprehensive overview of potential risks, challenges and opportunities associated with establishing a supported living home in this location, whilst ensuring the safety, wellbeing and integration of residents within the local community.

11. Supporting Planning Position

The proposed use has been specifically structured to ensure compliance with Class C3(b) by:

- Limiting occupancy to a maximum of five adult residents.

- ii. Providing care and support to all residents.
- iii. Operating as a single household.
- iv. Maintaining the residential character of the property.
- v. Avoiding any institutional appearance or operation.

12. Meeting Local Need

The proposed supported living home directly addresses identified local need by:

- a. Increasing the supply of community-based supported accommodation.
- b. Enabling adults with care and support needs to live within their local community.
- c. Reducing reliance on institutional settings.
- d. Promoting independence, wellbeing and social inclusion.
- e. Supporting local authority objectives relating to adult social care provision.

13. Regulatory Framework

The supported living service will operate in accordance with:

- The Care Act 2014
- The Health and Social Care Act 2008
- The Mental Capacity Act 2005
- The Equality Act 2010
- Local Safeguarding Adults Procedures
- Relevant Care Quality Commission requirements where applicable

14. Conclusion

Our application has been carefully prepared to address the specific requirements of Use Class C3(b), with particular attention to:

- a. Limiting the number of residents to five adults.
- b. Providing appropriate care and support to residents.
- c. Ensuring the home operates as a single household.
- d. Maintaining the residential character of the dwelling.
- e. Providing residents with a stable and supportive domestic environment.
- f. Avoiding any institutional characteristics that would alter the character of the property or surrounding area.

15. Family Household Operation

The home will function in a manner that is indistinguishable from neighbouring residential properties, with residents sharing communal spaces, participating in everyday household routines and receiving care naturally within a domestic environment. The supported living model promotes dignity, independence, choice and community participation whilst ensuring that residents receive the support necessary to meet their individual needs.

We have structured this application to clearly demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Use Class C3(b) and respectfully request that a Certificate of Lawfulness be granted.