

PLANNING COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO MEMBERS

Amendment Sheet

1. Agenda Item 5

**3 Lansdowne Avenue, Slough, Berkshire, SL2 5QW
P/20226/004**

To add to paragraph 6.1, consultation comments from Slough Children's First received 26/11/2024

The number of children in secure children's homes (residential settings) has increased by 12% from 2023 to 2024. As we are aware, the Council has a duty to ensure that Slough children in care have suitable accommodation within the local authority's area that meets the children's needs.

Whilst Slough's numbers of looked after children have been slightly below national indicators, there has been an increase from 49 per 10,000 in 2017/18 to 58.4 per 10,000 in 22/23 (an increase of 19%). As a result, we are finding that, we have more children with complex needs that require residential homes, despite having limited availability of suitable homes within Slough or surrounding areas.

We are currently placing nationwide at very expensive costs, due to the market being influenced by demand rather than supply. It is fundamental that we stimulate and influence the local market to provide residential homes in Slough and in so doing have the opportunity for SCF to invoke section 106 on Planning applications for all residential homes, whereby we could get priority over any other LAs and we are able to have local preferential rates agreed which are commercially competitive.

For example, we currently have 15 children placed in residential homes of whom only 1 child is placed in Slough. Regarding Supported Accommodation (16 plus) we have 90 children placed and out of those 50 are in Slough.

There is no change to the recommendation.

2. Agenda Item 6

17 – 31 Elmshott Lane, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 5QS

P/04670/015

One further neighbour objection received since publication of the Committee Report:

I strongly object to this. This will be the start of our small village with handy local shops, and a fantastic community hub that does so much for the local community. We do not have the resources such as parking, schools, drs surgery's and dentists. The traffic is awful as it is let alone with this volume of residents added to it. Please stop cramming flats everywhere. The parking situation is already horrendous - with local schools etc - just ignore road markings - yellow lines - so there is no capacity for further flats/parking - traffic. Along with losing local shops - the congestion and disruption whilst these flats are being built - it will be chaotic. I urge you to reject this application.

The report is considered to address the points raised.

There is no change to the recommendation.