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PLANNING STATEMENT

Proposed Short Term Children’s Facility

At

Thornton House
Churchill Way
Kettering
Northants
NN15 5BZ

for

Northamptonshire County Council

Date: January 2018

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PROPOSED SHORT TERM CHILDRENS FACILITY
AT THORTON HOUSE, KETTERING, NORTHANTS
FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Thornton House:

Thornton House was a Children’s Centre build in 2010/11 together with 30 adjacent residential units. The Children’s Centre has since closed and is currently vacant.

The building is owned by Northamptonshire County Council.

Northamptonshire County Council are proposing to change the existing use to an emergency / short term residential accommodation for vulnerable children who require a place to stay.

The children / Young people will be supported by appropriate levels of staffing and will be supervised 24 hours a day 7 days per week.

The building will have works completed internally to ensure that a homely environment is created that is appropriate to accommodate the needs of the children / Young people.

Brief:

The proposal is to refurbish the building for use as a two-bed short team provision facility for children and young people who are unable to return home and require extended intervention in order to facilitate an eventual return home or family setting. The building would provide care for young people for between 1 – 12 weeks. There will be at least two members of staff on site at any time. The facility will be registered and inspected by Ofsted and will also be required to meet NCC standards.

This facility would primarily cater (although not exclusively) for young people aged between 11-17 years of age (Key stage 3 & 4), with the ultimate aim of reducing the number of young people from this cohort, becoming ‘Looked After Children’ and avoiding the need to utilise agency and out of county care provision.

Proposal:

1. **External Fabric**
   No alteration apart from a door being altered to a Bedroom window.

2. **Internal works**
   New cooker to the existing Kitchen, domestic type only.
   Dividing up of Room 1 into 2no. bedrooms.
   Disabled WC converted into a bathroom.

3. **Change of use**
   From Children’s centre to Local Authority short term residential unit???

**Appearance:**

One external door converted into a window.

**Landscaping / Trees:**

None.

**Conversation Area:**

The site falls is not within a conservation area.

**Flooding:**

N/A

**Archaeology:**
Access to the site:
As existing – existing parking spaces retained.

Transport:
N/A