

## **DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**ORIGINATING SECTION: Planning.**

**REPORT TO: Planning & Highways Committee.**

**TITLE: Petition regarding Full Planning Application for  
Change of use from an office building to a C2a class  
use Open Rehab Unit with supporting facilities.  
Erection of a single storey front extension to serve as  
a new entrance point**

**At**

**Oakfield House**

**93 Preston New Road**

**Blackburn**

**BB2 6AY**

**(Ref: 10/18/1184)**

**Applicant: ASC Real Estate Investments Ltd**

**Ward: Wensley Fold**

**Councillor David Harling**

**Councillor Mohammed Khan**

**Councillor Quesir Mahmood**

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### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To inform Members of the receipt of one petition relating to the above planning application.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS**

2.1 A planning application for the above development was received on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and made valid on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

2.2 A petition containing 304 signatures in support of the proposal was received on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The reasons in favour of the proposal are given as follows:

2.3 Reasons:

- The unit will provide a safe and nurturing environment for local males and females with complex and often enduring mental illness and learning disabilities who may have stepped down from secure services or other rehabilitation services.

- These facilities are essential for allowing people the space and support they need to recover from mental illness.

2.4 At the time of the Petition Report being prepared, no decision on the application had been reached.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the petition.

4.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

4.1 Planning application 10/18/1184 contains details of the application and can be viewed at  
[http://planningdms.blackburn.gov.uk/NorthgateIM.websearch/\(S\(vj4sdh55sfwc0555ya11wdei\)\)/Results.aspx](http://planningdms.blackburn.gov.uk/NorthgateIM.websearch/(S(vj4sdh55sfwc0555ya11wdei))/Results.aspx)

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6.0 **DATE PREPARED** – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.