

Supporting Statement

Proposed use summary

The proposal is to operate an adult day centre (day opportunities service) for adults (18+) with learning disabilities, autism, physical disabilities and/or complex needs. The service will provide structured day support and community-based outcomes (e.g., independent living skills, employability preparation, meaningful activity, social inclusion) and planned respite for family carers to sustain caring arrangements and promote wellbeing.

The use involves supervised, pre-booked attendance, controlled arrivals/departures, and managed transport and parking in front of the building.

Operating hours and session model

To meet local need and ensure flexibility for families, the centre will operate 7 days a week with bookable 4-hour sessions (in line with Rochdale Council Adult Social Care):

Monday to Friday

- Session A: 08:00 – 12:00,
- Session B: 12:00 – 16:00
- Session C: 16:00 – 20:00

Saturday and Sunday

- Session A: 10:00 – 14:00
- Session B: 14:00 – 18:00

Entry is by pre-booking only (no open walk-ins). Arrival/departure activity is concentrated around session changeovers and will be managed via staggered collection windows.

Numbers of service user per time:

We propose a maximum of 20 service users per session at any one time.

Numbers of staff and shift patterns

Staffing will be needs-led and varies by cohort dependency, but the service will operate with a consistent on-site team to ensure safe supervision, safeguarding and meaningful activity.

Typical staffing per session:

- 1 x Senior Support Worker (each session)

- [4–6] x Support Workers (sessional; adjusted to needs) .
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Parking, pick-up/drop-off, and transport management

The facility will include a managed transport and parking plan to minimise on-street impacts:

- Primary access is by pre-booked attendance with staggered arrivals/departures.
- Drop-off/pick-up is supervised to avoid waiting/queuing.
- Parking provision:
 - Staff parking: Off-site parking. Staff are encouraged to use the train/tram less than 1 minute walk from the station.
 - Visitor/Professional parking: limited 1 hour no return opposite the building, pre-arranged.
- Transport: where required, service users will be supported via family drop-off, taxis, or centre vehicles, scheduled to avoid peak local congestion.

Amenity, noise, and neighbourhood impact controls

- The centre is supervised, structured and pre-booked, so it will not generate uncontrolled evening activity.
- Waste collections and deliveries will be arranged outside peak changeover periods.