

SUPPORTING STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Applicant: Serena Atkinson

Description of Development

This application relates to the proposed siting of a garden annexe within the residential curtilage of the property. The annexe is intended for occupation by the applicant's adult disabled son and will remain ancillary to the main dwelling at all times.

Family Occupation

The proposed annexe will be occupied by the applicant's adult disabled son, who is a member of the immediate family and remains dependent upon family support. The accommodation is intended to provide an appropriate degree of independence whilst maintaining close family care and support.

Location Within the Curtilage

The proposed annexe will be situated within the side/rear garden area of the property and will not be positioned forward of the principal elevation of the dwelling.

Garden Area

The proposed annexe will occupy only a proportion of the residential curtilage and will not result in more than 50% of the garden area being covered by buildings.

Caravan Status

The proposed structure is designed and intended to comply with the definition of a caravan contained within the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (as amended). The structure will be manufactured in transportable sections and assembled on site. The final act of assembly will involve the joining of those sections using bolts and fixings in accordance with the manufacturer's construction method.

Ancillary Use

The annexe will remain incidental and ancillary to the enjoyment of the main dwellinghouse. It will not be sold separately, leased independently, or occupied as a separate planning unit.

Additional Context

The project is being part-funded by West Sussex County Council as part of an initiative intended to increase fostering capacity within the family home. The proposed accommodation for the applicant's adult disabled son will enable existing household space to continue to be used to support fostering arrangements. This statement is provided as background information only and does not alter the ancillary nature of the proposed annexe.

Conclusion

The proposed annexe is intended to provide accommodation for the applicant's adult disabled son whilst remaining ancillary to the principal dwelling. The annexe will remain within the residential curtilage, will not form a separate planning unit, and is intended to comply with the definition of a caravan under the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (as amended).