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Mid Sussex District Council Planning
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Ref: AT/25/80

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Dear Sir/Madam

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hughes
Proposal: Proposed ground floor side extension and loft conversion with a contemporary dormer to create additional habitable space, together with the construction of a separate garden shed for storage.
Site: 16 Turners View, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5SW

PLANNING DESIGN STATEMENT

I would like to provide a brief statement in support of this householder planning application, setting out the rationale behind the proposed alterations.

The main focus relates to the proposed contemporary dormer. We appreciate that such additions are not always favoured by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), as they can sometimes be considered incongruous. However, in this case we believe the dormer is an appropriate and complementary addition for the following reasons:

- The property has been designed with a modern, contemporary aesthetic, and the dormer reflects and enhances this style.
- Owing to the large catslide roof and the relatively large width of the roof plane, the dormer sits comfortably within the elevation and does not appear overbearing.
- The dormer is positioned facing the northern boundary, screened by dense vegetation and trees, and is only visible obliquely. It will not impact neighbouring properties nor dominate the street scene.

Should amendments be considered necessary, we would be open to exploring a pitched-roof alternative. However, we believe this would be less in keeping with the existing architectural design.

In addition, the application includes a modest garden storage building. This element is of particular importance, as permitted development rights have been removed from the site, and planning permission is therefore required. At a minimum, we hope to secure approval for this essential element. If concerns remain regarding other aspects of the proposal, we would be willing to amend or remove elements to ensure this can be achieved.

In summary, the proposed alterations are modest, sympathetic to the property's overall design, and will have no adverse impact on neighbouring dwellings or the wider street scene. A positive outcome would ensure the dwelling remains largely unchanged in terms of external views from surrounding properties, while providing practical improvements for the occupiers.

We trust the above provides a clear understanding of the design approach, and we would be happy to provide further information if required.

Yours Faithfully

Thomas Andrews
For and on behalf of Atelier T&B Limited