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Design and Access Statement

For

13 St Georges Walk, Waterlooville.

Assessment

The application site is a first floor premises above a Funeral Directors, sited in the main town centre.

13 St Georges Walk was constructed by the applicant in 1962 as a ground floor retail unit with a first floor flat. The flat was used for residential purposes until 1971 when the applicant converted it into offices for his growing building and funeral business. The building section of the business has since ceased, although J.Edwards Funeral business continues to operate from the ground floor and lower ground floor.

The first floor offices have been marketed as offices for 4 years but remain empty.

Involvement

The Offices have been actively marketed by ----- property agents for 4 years and they are of the opinion that there is no market in the town centre for this type of premises.

Evaluation

The application site was originally constructed as a residential flat and the layout was hardly altered for its use as offices, so very little alteration needs to be carried out to convert the premises back into residential use. Current PPG's actively encourage residential units within Town Centres.

Design

There is to be no alteration to the existing external appearance of the building and very little alteration to the internal layout.

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Scale

Not applicable

Landscape

Not applicable

Appearance

Not applicable

Access

The application site is situated within Waterlooville Town Centre which is well served by public transport.

There are two existing parking spaces, for the proposed flat, to the front of the premises.

There are no disabled facilities provided as this is a first floor flat with no facilities on the ground floor.

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