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Address; 5 Taylor Close, Waterlooville, PO7 5GE

Supporting Statement 5 Taylor Close, Waterlooville

Introduction

This supporting statement accompanies the planning application for the proposed extension and conversion of the existing garage at 5 Taylor Close, Waterlooville, into a self-contained annex to provide independent but supported living accommodation for the applicant's elderly mother.

The proposal represents a sensitive and sustainable form of development, enabling multigenerational living while minimising impact on the surrounding residential environment.

Background and Purpose of the Proposal

The applicant's mother is an elderly individual with increasing support needs that can no longer be safely managed in her current accommodation. However, she is not yet in need of full-time residential care. The proposed annex will allow her to live independently near her family, ensuring her wellbeing, safety, and dignity while avoiding the physical and emotional strain of separation.

The proposal involves converting the existing single garage into living accommodation and modestly extending it to include a bedroom, shower room, and small kitchen/living area. Access to the annex will be provided via a separate entrance, but it will remain within the curtilage of the main property and will not be severed or used as an independent dwelling. A basic kitchenette is provided, equipped with a kettle, sink, and small worktop area, allowing her to prepare hot drinks and light snacks. It is not intended to function as a full kitchen, as the applicant's mother will have the majority of her meals prepared by the applicant. This approach ensures she can maintain a degree of personal independence while relying on family for meals and daily care, reinforcing that the annex remains ancillary to the main dwelling.

Design and Scale

The design will be in keeping with the existing property and surrounding area. The extension will be modest in scale, maintaining the low-rise, domestic character of the site and safeguarding neighbouring amenity in terms of privacy, light, and outlook.

External materials and finishes will match the main dwelling to ensure visual harmony, and the proposed layout has been carefully designed to meet the specific needs of the intended occupant while complying with building regulations for accessibility and safety.

The application also aligns with local planning policies encouraging sustainable development, family support, and the efficient use of residential land and buildings.

The annex will not be sold or let separately, and the applicant is happy to accept a planning condition tying its use to the main dwelling.

Highways and Parking

The development will not have a material impact on parking provision or traffic levels. Sufficient off-street parking will be retained on-site to serve the main dwelling. As the proposed annex is intended for a relative who does not drive, there is no requirement for separate parking provision.

Conclusion

This is a well-considered proposal that reflects a growing need for adaptable housing solutions, especially for the elderly. It allows the applicant's mother to maintain independence with dignity, while receiving essential day-to-day family support. The proposed extension and conversion is modest in scale, appropriate in design, and consistent with both national and local planning policy. We respectfully request that the application be supported and approved.

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