

Design and Access Statement

Planetree House, Longframlington, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 8DP

Existing

Planetree House, is a well-established semi-detached dwelling situated in the residential area of Longframlington. The property sits on Front Street, the A697, which is part of one of the main routes to Scotland.

The property consists of four bedrooms and bathroom at first floor, with living room, small galley kitchen, dining room, playroom and wet-room at ground floor.

Externally there is a gated driveway to the side of the house with access to the large rear garden. The front leads straight onto a small public footpath off the road.

Proposed

The family of this proposal have been selected to appear on the BBC's DIY SOS: The Big Build. Their involvement will help the family to achieve their needs. This family's complex needs mean they need to bring together seven members of their family into Planetree House. Primarily the property needs to support the needs of their eighteen-year-old daughter who has severe medical and mental health issues.

Both parents and grandparents provide care for their daughter but have ongoing medical difficulties of their own. The overnight arrangements are not sustainable.

The house is in a state of disrepair and does not provide the safety and space needed for all family members.

The application looks to adapt the property to the family's changing needs, creating a six-bedroom property that improves the access, safety and comfort of their complex situation. The proposal looks to alter the existing layout and to create a single-storey extension that extends from the back of the house to allow safer family and care space.

The extension will provide a new open-plan kitchen/diner and ensuite bedroom. Both spaces will have access to the rear garden. The addition of these new spaces will allow the re-planning of the ground floor to provide a further ensuite bedroom, as well as a designated safe space for their daughter and a snug to retreat to.

The existing kitchen will be repurposed to provide a wet-room and a utility room connecting with the new kitchen.

The overall form and massing of the extension has been designed to reflect the existing dwelling and surrounding context. All materials will be selected to match the existing where possible.