

Annexe @ Hector's House

Rumford, Cornwall, PL27 7SS

Design Statement

Existing Situation:

The applicant lives at Hector's House, Rumford and runs the adjacent garage; WH Old & Sons, which is under the same title as the house. One of his sons also lives at Hector's House and works with his father at WH Old & Sons.

Brief:

To design a two-bedroom annexe within the garden of Hector's House to provide the applicants son with his own space and more independence in a location where he can easily walk to work.

Design Objectives:

To meet the brief through a carefully considered scheme that best suits the site and the brief.

Design Solutions:

The proposed annexe is for occupation by family members of the dwelling known as Hector's House and shall not be used as a separate residential unit of accommodation.

The proposed design provides two modest bedrooms and a modest open plan Living/ Dining/ Kitchenette area which is considered sufficient to provide the applicants son with a greater level of independence.

The position of the proposed annexe has been carefully considered to have minimal impact on the site and the surrounding area.

The height of the proposed annexe is lower than the existing Goat House.

"Sinking" the annexe into the existing slope minimises the visual impact of the proposal and provides a level of privacy.

The use of natural stone for the walls and a sedum roof will not only minimise the visual impact but will also be an improvement to the existing building.

Conclusion:

The proposed annexe is for use by the applicant's son, meets the basic living requirements, is of a carefully considered design and is within easy walking distance of their employment.