

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

### **Justification statement**

The applicant is owner of the house, and would like the following to be taken into consideration:-

This planning application is for 'change of use' of the existing garage. The garage is partly converted to a basic gym area, so will never be used for car parking therefore is currently wasted space.

The back part of the garage facing the rear garden already consists of a bedroom, plus a separate shower room with w.c. and sink. The aforementioned living space is not well insulated currently, therefore improvements need to be made. This planning application is for the remainder of the garage to be converted to create more habitable space and a small kitchen area for a relative (our mother/mother-in-law hereafter known as M.O.) who is elderly and registered disabled, and who is already living at the property.

M.O. sold her own house which was becoming a burden to run and maintain, so that she could move in with her daughter thereby allowing some assistance to be provided now but, more importantly, a higher level of assistance into the future which we foresee is likely to be necessary. I can also carry out household maintenance for M.O. more quickly and easily.

We purchased the house with the intention of making these alterations, to help ensure that M.O. can continue to live with a high degree of independence, but with relatives very close by to assist if ever needed.

There is ample driveway space at the front of the property which is currently used for car parking, including a car owned by M.O., without the need for on-street parking.

The annexe will have same postal address as the main house

The annexe will share driveway and parking with main house

The annexe will share mains power supply with main house

The annexe will share the mains water supply with the main house

The annexe will share internet connection & telephone connection with main house

The annexe will share the existing sewage treatment system (septic tank) connected to the main house.

As such, there will be no external roadworks for connection of services to the annexe.

The annexe will have an internal door permanently linked to the main house so that my wife can enter and assist M.O. as and when the need arises, e.g. for cleaning, laundry, cooking, shopping, and welfare visits.