



APX ARCHITECTURE

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Statement of need

Proposed annex and loft conversion at 1 Hanover Close, Sittingbourne ME10 4ET.

This statement has been compiled by APX Architecture in support of a Householder planning application for proposed annex accommodation that is ancillary to the main house.

The applicant's mother is struggling to maintain her current 3 bedroomed house, and independent living is going to become more of a challenge as time goes by. Suffice to say it would be beneficial to all parties at this point if she were to be able to relocate close to her family and to be able to maintain her independence whilst having the support of her family close by. As an only child, the applicant will have sole responsibility for her mother's care which leaves her no option but to move her mother in with her.

As the applicant's children both attend the local secondary school located a stone's throw from the property, moving home is not an option for the family as this would cause too much disruption.

The proposals seek to provide an annex for the applicant's mother, providing her with a comfortable level of accommodation with a kitchen, living and dining space, with a single bedroom. The applicant's mother is currently mobile and was keen to have a bedroom located at first floor, however, the proposals seek to provide a WC at both Ground Floor and First Floor level (in the form of an Ensuite) to negate the need to use the stairs to use the facilities. In future, a Stannah stair lift would be installed to allow access from the downstairs space to the bedroom.

The proposed annex would be accessed from the main dwelling, via a door that links the two spaces. This will ensure that the annex is incidental to the main dwelling house, forming an integral part of the main unit.

A parking space is provided to the rear of the property, by demolishing the existing dilapidated and unused garage. A rear gate is proposed to provide access from this space, into the garden.

We hope that the Council consider the above and enclosed to be acceptable. Should any further evidence or information be required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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