

Dear Planning Officers

Vision for our future home

We write personally in connection with our application for planning permission at the above address. We wish to build a new home in place of the existing property which has reached the end of its practicable life.

Our vision for the replacement property involves the following aims and priorities.

facilities:

- a carefully bespoke designed home for the two of us, mindful of all current planning requirements, with facilities to allow ease of living and to permit full enjoyment of the attractive location
- upstairs accommodation to allow views of the adjacent nature reserve and beyond
- sufficient space to welcome overnight visitors and offer hospitality
- a flexible living space designed to be a practical and pleasing environment for our daily life, with focus on upstairs and a small interior lift to give ease of access

design:

- sympathetic style, with materials seen widely in the local district; and constructed to a very high standard
- modern, but classic design; a characterful property, including a stained-glass window at the front to enhance and to throw coloured light inside
- we seek to balance the dual priorities of a low profile and utilisable space on the upper floor, including due head-room, through creative use of some sloped ceiling edges and dormer-style windows

environmental impact:

- space to park our cars and bicycles behind the house, offering an open green area at the front to maintain a pleasing appearance from the road
- ecologically and environmentally sensitive and sustainable: timber frame; wooden beams; natural/carbon-neutral materials; some decorative split-flint facings; carbon-neutral cement boards in natural hues; a water-permeable drive; air source heat pump; good insulation; electric vehicle charging point; solar panels; biodiverse planting plans; wildlife-friendly hedges; bird boxes and bat box

We approach the intended building of our future home with an existing love of Emsworth and its close surroundings. We have registered ourselves on Chichester District Council's 'custom and self-build housing' online register, having been resident in the near locality since April 2017.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew and Karen Doye

Front Elevation Illustration

