

Proposed Annex at 4 Swains Road, Budleigh Salterton for Mr and Mrs Barrett

Design Statement

Reasons for proposals:

The applicants require a purpose-built separate building for their 26-year-old daughter, Alice, to live in. She has very severe ME, is completely bed bound and requires 24-hour care. Alice requires a building fit for her needs and to facilitate the care she requires. It must be as soundproof as possible as she is hypersensitive to the sounds and smells of a normal home. Sound causes over-stimulation, pain and the worsening of all her symptoms, while some smells cause an allergic reaction. Besides a room for Alice, the building is designed to have a room for the carers and a disabled bathroom, as in time it is hoped she will have some recovery.

Given the urgency of the necessity to provide an appropriate facility for Alice the applicants would be very appreciative if planning approval could be expedited as soon as possible, as they would like to start building in May.

All immediate neighbours have been consulted and are in support of this application.

Description of proposals:

The building would occupy a part of the garden behind the existing garage and would be contained in a single storey flat roofed structure finished in timber cladding and powder coated aluminium windows. Access to it would be via a level threshold from the paved terrace area at the rear of the existing house. It would only be partly visible from the street and have no discernible impact on the adjoining property at No.6 Swains Road being set down at a lower level.