

PLANNING REF : 252733
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Woodside
: 6 Hitch Hill Close, Earley, Berkshire
: RG6 1FT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Graham Andrews
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/11/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed development at White Cottage.

As someone who visits the property regularly, I have always appreciated the unique character of the cottage and the sensitivity required when making any changes to its setting. I have also seen first-hand the limitations of the old outbuilding and the inefficiencies of the previous gym layout. In this context, the new proposal represents a significant and welcome improvement on the formerly approved scheme.

Although the annexe remains within the same footprint as the previous consent, it provides a far more practical, meaningful and long-term benefit for the family while continuing to respect the heritage significance of the listed building. The design is clearly more thoroughly resolved in terms of quality, usability and sustainability. Rather than a basic gym structure, the proposal creates an adaptable, low-impact space that makes effective use of previously developed land without any increase in scale or massing.

The material choices and overall form have been carefully considered to ensure the annexe remains visibly subordinate to White Cottage. This respectful approach preserves both the character and the wider setting of the Grade II listed building.

It is also reassuring that the proposal will have no adverse impact on neighbouring properties. Its discreet location and single-storey height prevent any issues of overlooking, overshadowing or overbearing presence. The use of matching and complementary materials ensures the building sits comfortably within the site, avoiding any visual harm.

In my view, this is an exemplary piece of thoughtful, sensitive development one that balances the practical needs of a modern family with the responsibility of safeguarding a historic home. It will help ensure that White Cottage remains both functional and welcoming for future generations, without compromising the charm and character.

For these reasons, I fully support the application and hope that it will be approved.

Yours faithfully,

Graham Andrews

