

PLANNING REF : 252733
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 27 Kenton Road Earley
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG6 7LQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Lee Marshall
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/11/2025

COMMENTS:

I'd like to support this application as a friend from church who has always appreciated White Cottage, not just for its history, but for its place within the local community. Its location has always made it a natural gathering point a home that brings people together, reflects the character of the area, and adds to the sense of neighbourliness we value so much.

What stands out to me about this new proposal is how well it supports the long-term sustainability and continued use of the cottage. The existing layout of the historic building makes it difficult for certain people to visit or stay, especially those with mobility challenges. This thoughtful annexe design addresses that in a sensitive and respectful way, allowing the home to welcome more people while keeping the listed structure intact and unharmed.

The annexe sits quietly within the already approved footprint, but offers a far more practical, inclusive and future proof use. The materials and scale blend beautifully with the existing cottage, maintaining the heritage setting while making the property more adaptable for multi-generational living something that aligns with the community values we hold dear in the church.

This proposal also strengthens the social value of White Cottage. It allows it to remain a place where connections happen, where people can be cared for, and where family and friends can gather in a way that the original layout simply couldn't accommodate. In a time when sustaining historic homes can be challenging, this design helps ensure the cottage remains functional, welcoming and viable for many years to come.

In my view, this is a sensitive, responsible and well-balanced improvement that protects the charm of White Cottage while supporting the needs of the people who live there and the wider community around it. I sincerely hope it is approved.