

Personal Supporting Statement

We are seeking to build an ancillary annexe, within the curtilage and subservient to depend on our own property, to enable my youngest daughter and son-in-law who cannot afford to move out themselves, to be close to family, whilst also having their own independence.

My eldest daughter divorced from an abusive relationship 10 years ago. As a result of the psychological stress in doing so, this triggered narcolepsy, which is being managed by medication. With her children being aged 1 and 4 at the time, we continued to care for them, with them residing in our care as the divorce unfolded. Due to their ages at the time, we have played a key role in their upbringing, and continue to do so, looking after them at the address every weekend and during the school holiday periods to support both our daughter and her children.

Having played a crucial role in their upbringing, the children are very familiar with our home and view it as a safe space, they are a key part of our family living situation and regularly come on family holidays with us. Creating the annexe at West Grey Lake would allow for more space to house both our youngest daughter and son-in-law whilst also providing care for our grandchildren.

Further to this, whilst our youngest daughter and son-in-law do not have children presently, the annexe has been designed to allow for the family to grow in the future, allowing for the family to benefit from a unique inter-generational living solution whereby both privacy and interdependence are catered for. Looking forwards, the annexe will provide an opportunity for family to live close to but independent from us, providing continuity and stability as we ourselves age.