

Dpa213 – 16a Beechwood avenue

Planning Statement

Client's statement with regards to the justification for a conversion of the existing Garage into a 'self contained' Annex is as follows:-

"The annex is for our elderly father who is a widower and who has significant underlying health needs that might deteriorate given he is in his 80s.

We moved back to Reading in the summer for Dad following his diagnoses of stroke in November 2019. At this point, we knew that we needed accommodation that would suit the union of 2 sub-families effectively and sustainably. In addition, Covid required flexible living arrangements to allow for any support to be easily and readily available. As the applicant with a young family, we are aware that we pose as high risk "spreaders" because the adults work and the child attends school full time.

Specifically, it is not culturally appropriate to place Dad in a home or other support lodgings not have him live on his own, and should his condition worsen, it would prevent the involvement of already-stretched statutory services."