

# DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT:

**JOB No.878** REAR EXTENSION & REMODELLING OF EXISTING HOUSE.  
23 Kidmore Road, Caversham, Reading, BERKSHIRE. RG4 7LR.  
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## DESIGN STATEMENT:

**BRIEF:** (Intended to be flexible to cover the extent of the works).  
DEMOLITION

- SINGLE GARAGE
- REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION.
- 2-STOREY FULL WIDTH REAR EXTENSION.
- LEVEL 1 - GROUND FLOOR.
  - ANNEX TO LIVING ROOM.
  - FAMILY ROOM EXTENSION TO KITCHEN
- LEVEL 2 - FIRST FLOOR
  - EXTENSION TO BEDROOM 2
  - EXTENSION TO BEDROOM 3
- LEVEL 3 - ROOF FLOOR
  - MASTER BEDROOM SUITE.

### WORKS TO EXISTING:

The enlarged house to work as one, as if it had originally been built as such.

#### MAIN STAIRCASE RELOCATION:

Relocation of the existing staircase from front to the core of the extended house. Staircase to extend from ground floor to roof floor.

- LEVEL 1 – GROUND FLOOR.
  - CLOAKROOM/WC.
- LEVEL 2 – FIRST FLOOR.
  - BEDROOM 4: New bedroom incorporating existing adjacent landing.

#### UPPER LEVEL STAIRCASE:

To space released by the removal of the upper level staircase:

- LEVEL 2 – FIRST FLOOR.
  - FAMILY BATHROOM

#### ATTIC STOREY:

- EXISTING:
  - The existing attic conversion has is very poorly executed with substandard ceiling heights (door head height) and the head height above the staircase below 2m.
- PROPOSED:
  - The rear roof has been reconfigured to feature a single full width gable to allow creation of 'fabulous' enlarged vaulted space, as the master bedroom.
  - The ridge although higher than existing remains no higher than the existing Dutch gables, only a smallhipped end remains visible 'hidden' behind the front Dutch gable.
  - The enlarged roof remains smaller and lower than surrounding and opposite houses (with the exception of 25 Kidmore Road (handed pair with 23).

#### GENERAL:

- LEVEL 2 – FIRST FLOOR.
  - BEDROOM 2 – ENSUITE: to the rear of enlarged bedroom.

## STATUS:

- EXISTING:
  - HOUSE:
    - Edwardian villa.
    - 2-storey with loft conversion.
    - 1 storey rear lean-to extension.
    - Detached single garage block.
    - Wooden framed windows & doors.
    - Plain clay tiles roof.
  - VEHICULAR ACCESS:
    - Car parking for 3 cars
    - Car turning on-site.
  - GARDEN:
    - Large Garden to rear.
- AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB) / GREEN BELT: No
- SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY: Yes.
- CONSERVATION AREA: No.
- HISTORIC: No.
- FLOOD RISK: LOW (<https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk>)
- FLOOD ZONE 1: This location is in an area with a low probability of flooding.

## PLANNING HISTORY: <http://www.reading.gov.uk/>

- None available on planning website.
- The apparent extensions on site are:
  - DETACHED GARAGE
  - LOFT CONVERSION
  - REAR SINGLE STOREY LEAN-TO EXTENSION

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