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PLANNING STATEMENT

Council policy

The following is a Statement showing compliance with Reading Council policy regarding the conversion of existing dwelling to provide additional units.

The proposal is designed to meet the requirements for Residential Conversions as set out in the council's Supplementary Planning Document adopted in 2013. This document is a material consideration in determining this application and the proposal meets all the items on the checklist for this small development.

NPPF

The NPPF Paragraph 6 requires the local planning authorities to boost significantly the supply of housing.

There is a clear presumption in favour of sustainable development. The division of an existing building such as this one requires minimal alteration work and no external construction. Accordingly, it is the most sustainable way of achieving this policy.

Government policy

There is a clear shortfall in the supply of housing and the Government requires all Councils to assist in increasing the number of dwellings. This development will give housing to two families who require family starter homes. This development is one small way of helping the Government alleviate a housing shortfall.