



Planning Department
Reading Borough Council
Civil offices
Bridge Street
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Application Ref PP-06124121v1

Dear Sir /Madam,

I am the proprietor and the principal dentist of Riverside Dental Centre, 20 Bridge Street, Caversham, Reading RG4 8AA.

I intend to construct a new extension to the Riverside Dental Centre on land adjacent to the existing building which would cater for the elderly and disabled people in the Reading East. My initial research has shown that there is no dental clinic in this area which can provide easy access for disabled and/or elderly people, my practice included.

The Riverside Dental Centre is an old, three floor building and for the past 17 years, since its purchase, I have witnessed how elderly, disabled and families with young children have struggled to access the surgeries on the top floors. On many occasions dentists have had to lend a helping hand to the patients in order for them to reach surgeries where they can receive their essential dental treatment.

As a dentist with a great passion for dentistry and abundant care for my patients, I find it very distressing that patients might be prevented from receiving dental treatment due to a lack of appropriate accessibility. This is of great importance especially in light of our ageing population.

Therefore, I have taken upon myself to spend my life savings and provide my local community and beyond with a modern dental practice where every member of society can easily have access to and benefit from the essential dental care we provide. Consideration of staff wellbeing has been of equal importance and attractive break out spaces with purpose built eating facilities provide areas where staff can bring their lunch and relax.

Needless to say that expanding the current practice would also create more job opportunity for the local population.

As the planning for this new practice is currently in your capable hands, awaiting approval, I am writing to urge you to kindly deal with the planning application as a matter of urgency.

Our current facility provides only one surgery on the ground floor that could be considered accessible to mobility restricted patients. The reason for my cordial request is that we have consequently had no option but to deter elderly and disabled patients. This is not acceptable practice and can easily be resolved by speeding and facilitating the planning for this project.

I have appointed a dedicated team of architects, planners and builders to this project who are ready to start and can assure you that everything is in place to get this project off the ground as soon as the planning application is approved.

I rely on your support for such community projects and am happy to provide any further details should this accelerate the process.

I have enclosed my contact details should you wish to reach me for further discussion.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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