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Date: 15th July 2022

Our ref:

Your ref:

Planning Statement

Dear Sirs/Madam

Re. planning ref. **TA/2022/710 - SOMERBY, BEACH ROAD, ST BEES**

With regards to the above application I would make the following comments in support of the application.

Comments from applicant

1) Both sets of parents/grandparents are 70+ and living 5hrs+ away in Cambridge and Leicestershire presently. Currently we cannot accommodate both sets of grandparents in our home and would like the option for them to stay semi-independently for extended periods and/or permanently in the near future by using our proposed granny annex. Notably one set of grandparents who are 73 and 75 respectively now prefer to travel from Leicestershire by train as the drive is already proving too much.

2) all our siblings are either in Leicestershire or overseas. We have between us 4 siblings and 8 nephews and nieces age between 6-19yrs. We cannot accommodate all (or even half in our house) especially with visiting with grandparents. Other relatives live In Australia and the applicants brother lives in Canada. We would like to be able to accommodate all/both for extended periods for vacation periods given how far away they reside which would be in the granny annex when not being used by grandparents.

3) we relocated from London in 2021 after 15yrs and have two children age 2 and 4. We would like to be able to accommodate our friends with their own children to visit occasionally and accommodate them in the annex. Again given distances this needs to be for extended periods (frequently one week+)

4) shared facilities:

laundry facilities. There will be no washing machine drier or laundry facilities in annex- anyone staying will be wholly dependent on the house for all laundry facilities.

limited cooking facilities in annex - we will not put full oven in and likely only a small hob, microwave and kettle for basic use. Therefore, cooking will be linked to main house.

limited bathing facilities. There will only be a walk in shower/toilet in annex and for those needing a bath this will be within the main house (for example children or grandparents)

5) we fully accept this should never be sold off as separate dwelling, it's address will be ours and no separate address to be applied for.

The living/dining space in the annex when not being utilised by visitors will also serve as a home/office space as both of us working either semi or fully at home.

Regards

Chris & Sarah Macmillan

In addition

The annex has been sited so as to create a clear separation between the main dwelling and the annex as viewed from the front elevation, and to provide a none intrusive marrying with the host dwelling.

The 2 current parking will be extended to 3 in line with the highway's requirements

Best regards

Tony Wharton

Tony Wharton (LoftHouse Architectural)