

## CLIENT SUPPORTING PLANNING STATEMENT

We are considering carrying out modifications to our home, 12 Goater Way, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 7HT which we purchased in December 2019 to align the house better to the needs of our family as well as Hannah's (Millard) current medical condition and future supportive needs.

We have recently welcomed our second child, Amber Grace, into our family alongside her older sister Charlotte Ava and have been considering whether our family is now complete. Bringing Amber into the family has shown us that the current layout of the house, although acceptable for a family of 3 now does not work for the current and future needs of our family due to the current layout not being suitable for the way that we wish to live our lives and bring up our children.

Since moving into the home in December 2019 we have been able to spend an extensive amount of time using the spaces and understanding how the flow of the house can work for our family dynamic. This was particularly true for the periods during the COVID-19 pandemic where we all spent a large amount of time inside the home due to lockdown restrictions.

Both myself (Jason Millard) and Hannah have grown up in Fair Oak, with Hannah even being born at home in the village, since 1991/1992 respectively and have always intended for our family to grow up near the roots of our family in Fair Oak. Buying 12 Goater Way was intended for us to settle in this house for the long term and our plan was and still is to live in this house for the long term until our children grow up and leave the house. The house location meets our needs and given we are now stopping having children is the right size for our family (i.e. 3 bed property).

The concerns we have since living in the property is that there are large spaces on the ground floor that do not work for a family dynamic and the layout does not allow suitable access and egress for an active family to be able to move freely through the building. The layout of the kitchen / diner especially does not seem to work and the number of doors between the downstairs w/c and the kitchen is restrictive to being able to get into the w/c when the back door is open, for example.

To add to these points, Hannah currently lives with multiple health conditions mainly Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (a form of hypermobility), Fibromyalgia, Reynard's Syndrome PTSD from a traumatic first post pregnancy hospital admission and depression / anxiety following challenging periods in her life.

Hannah's conditions bring added complications to how she lives her life as well as how Hannah can integrate into the family activities throughout the home as Hannah can suffer from periods of extreme pain, movement restrictions and regression in being able to leave the home. It is a key reason why we moved to this home in December 2019 as it gave Hannah the space for calm, access to necessary facilities on the ground floor (all on a flat surface) and privacy (being detached) from other people if Hannah needed this.

This leads to the ground floor of the home being essential for Hannah's wellbeing as well as the ability for the family to function as a unit without any one person being left out. It is why we have looked to create this new designed layout, centred around a bespoke designed kitchen which allows Hannah to have everything at a suitable height to remove the need for bending or overreaching. The door from the kitchen to the external of the building is positioned to allow a straight and easy access route to and from the cars on the drive to support Hannah's day to day activities.

The office / multifunction room creates space for myself (Jason) to work from home on days when Hannah needs additional support and care where her disabilities are preventing her from being able to fully live her life; this is important with a new born child in the home.

The bay windows provide additional space to the house to allow / accommodate the office (multifunction room) to work as the family need it to, with the potential for this room to be used as a small downstairs bedroom if Hannah's condition deteriorates over time requiring her to need a home with all facilities on a single level floor. The lounge bay window also creates opportunity for greater space to ensure there is suitable storage in the home to avoid anything being left out that could be a trip hazard to Hannah if she is suffering from a hypermobility type flare up.

The additional tarmac area will allow both of our vehicles to be able to be parked on the driveway to ensure that whichever vehicle Hannah is using is safely off the road but within suitable access (travel time) from the home on a flat surface.

The first-floor modifications to the en-suite allow greater use of the space for potential future requirements that the family may have for the space, including the need for additional supporting equipment for Hannah whilst also making best use of the spaces available.

Overall, this scheme has come out of a necessity to improve quality of life for Hannah and the entire family in a home which we see ourselves living in for the next 25 – 30 years. If the modifications cannot be achieved it would likely result in us needing to relocate to a more suitable home which would be detrimental to the life that we are trying to build for our family given we are in the area that our family roots are with wider friend and family support in the local area.