



Design and Access Statement

Proposed Single Storey Extensions **9 Barton Drive, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4RG**

Introduction

This statement supports the planning application for proposed front and rear single storey extensions at 9 Barton Drive, Hamble, Southampton. The extensions have been designed to complement the character of the existing property while providing improved functionality for the occupants.

Site and Context

The property is a residential dwelling within a suburban setting. The surrounding area comprises of detached and semi-detached houses of similar style and age. The proposals respect the established character of the street scene and are proportionate in scale to the host property.

Design

The proposed works comprise two elements:

- **Front Extension:** A modest single storey addition providing an entrance lobby, utility and WC. The structure will be constructed in brickwork to match the existing dwelling, with a pitched tiled roof. A small skylight will provide natural light to the interior.
- **Rear Extension:** A single storey flat-roofed extension forming part of an enlarged kitchen and dining area. The roof will be finished in a high-quality single ply membrane. Large bifold doors will open onto the rear garden, providing good daylight and a connection between indoor and outdoor spaces.

All new windows and doors will match the style and finish of the existing property to ensure consistency in appearance.

Access

The front extension enhances the functionality of the main entrance with level access retained. Internal arrangements will provide convenient circulation, including the new WC and utility spaces. The rear extension maintains direct access to the garden via wide bifold doors, supporting inclusive and practical use of the dwelling.

Conclusion

The proposals are modest, sympathetic in design, and will not harm the character or appearance of the dwelling or surrounding area. The extensions will improve the quality of accommodation for the occupants while respecting the amenity of neighbouring properties.