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Date: Tuesday 8th April 2025

1 Elm Close
Bolsover
Chesterfield.
S44 6EA.

Re: Statement to the Planning Committee in Support of our Planning Permission for an Extension.

Application No: 24/00480/FUL

Good morning to every member of the honourable committee. Thank you for the opportunity to address you in support of our application for planning permission to extend 1 Elm Close, Bolsover, Chesterfield. S44 6EA. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the hearing due a planned family memorial services of our beloved parents and grandparents.

The proposed extension has been carefully professionally designed to meet both the Support Living Accommodation (SLA) needs and the requirements of the local planning guidelines here in Bolsover County Council. The aim is to enhance the functionality of the property whilst maintaining the character of the surrounding area.

The key points of our proposal are as follows:

1. Design and appearance:

- The extension has been designed to be in keeping with the existing property, using materials, scale, and architectural features and double-glazed windows and doors that are consistent with the current structure and surrounding properties.
- We have ensured that the design is sympathetic to the character of the neighbourhood, ensuring minimal visual impact.

2. Impact on neighbours:

- We have taken steps to ensure the extension does not adversely affect the privacy, light, or amenity of our neighbours. For instance, positioning of windows, maintaining distances, landscaping plans, etc.
- We have consulted with professional architects in exploring any concerns that could be raised and mentions to mitigate them.

3. Compliance with relevant policies:

- The proposed extension aligns with the local planning policies and guidelines.

Prior to the submission of our planning application, we are delighted to inform you that considerable efforts have been made in ensuring that adhered to set guidelines such as size, proportion, and sustainability.

- Additionally, we will incorporate environmentally friendly features where possible such as features, e.g., energy-efficient windows or materials.

4. Community benefit:

- The extension will enhance the usability of the property, thereby contributing to the stability of the local community.

Permit me to reiterate that the probability of the individuals being a disturbance to anyone is highly unlikely. Realistically, they find themselves in a position that's not their fault. The purpose of our planning permission is to accommodate vulnerable people in the community to enable them to live an independent and a more fulfilled life as much as possible with support.

5. Create employment opportunities in the area.

As much as the proposed extension provides accommodation for people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health:

- it will create employment for residents, which has the tendency to improve their quality of life. According to Office of National Statistics (ONS), Bolsover's employment rate was lower than across the East Midlands as a whole in the year ending December 2023. Of people aged 16 to 64 years living in Bolsover, 71.0% were employed in the year ending December 2023. This is a decrease compared with the year ending December 2022 when the local rate was 74.1%. Across the East Midlands in the year ending December 2023, 75.5% of people aged 16 to 64 years were employed. This was slightly higher compared with the previous year, when 75.2% of people were employed.

[\(https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/labourmarketlocal/E07000033/\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/labourmarketlocal/E07000033/).

We kindly appeal to you (the committee) to consider the thought and care that has gone into this application and the minimal impact (if any) it will have on the surrounding environment. We hope you will find the proposal to be a balanced and appropriate addition to the property and the neighbourhood. We are certainly aware of the reservations or objections by residents, which is within their legal right/s on the proposed extension. Nonetheless, we humbly assure you that we are committed to adhering to any condition/s associated with your decision in granting our planning permission on the above address. Once again, thank you for your time and ample effort in balancing the needs for the planned extension for a Supported Living Accommodation (SLA) and our neighbours in anticipation of your favourable consideration.

Kind regards,

Mr Benson Osejindu



Mrs Hope Osejindu

