

Our ref: MVFA-6111-260915-dh

Mr James Cachin (via email)
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Dear James,

Re: Householder Planning Submission for the proposed extensions and alterations to 107 Trowbridge Road, Bradford-on-Avon for accessibility purposes following the client's MND diagnosis.

Further to our phone conversation, we are writing in support of our planning application for alterations and extensions to our family home at 107 Trowbridge Road, Bradford-on-Avon, on behalf of our clients Lewis and Annie Moody.

The proposals have been developed in response to the specific and substantial accessibility requirements of Mr Lewis Moody, who has been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

MND is a progressive neurological condition which results in increasing difficulties with mobility, balance, strength and independence. As a consequence of the progressive nature of the condition, the requirements of the occupier are expected to evolve over time. The proposed works have therefore been designed not only to address Mr Moody's current accessibility needs, but also to provide a degree of futureproofing for the coming years and enable him to remain living within his family home for as long as reasonably possible.

This application includes the following documents:

- Application Forms
- 6111-Heritage, Design and Access Statement
- 6111-001P0-Location Plan
- 6111-103P0-Existing Site Plan
- 6111-104P0-Existing Ground Floor Plan
- 6111-105P0-Existing Elevations
- 6111-108P0-Proposed Site Plan
- 6111-109P0-Proposed Site Plan
- 6111-111P0-Proposed Elevations
- 6111-112P0-Proposed Entrance Drawings
- 6111-SK01-Proposed Driveway Resurfacing Plan
- Ecological Survey

The existing property presents a number of significant accessibility constraints. There are several changes in level throughout the ground floor, together with restricted circulation routes and door openings which limit the practical use of the property by a wheelchair user.

The existing arrangement is particularly problematic in relation to the anticipated use of a powered wheelchair and specialist equipment. The existing WC and bathroom facilities are also not capable of accommodating the space and facilities required for accessible use and future care requirements.

In developing the proposals, particular consideration has been given to the existing character of the property and its location within the Bradford-on-Avon Conservation Area. The design has sought to balance the significant accessibility requirements of the occupier with the need to retain and respect the architectural character of the existing dwelling.

Although these elements will inevitably introduce some physical changes to the external appearance of the property, they are necessary to provide a safe and usable means of access for a wheelchair user. The design has sought to integrate these features as sensitively as possible within the existing site and to minimise their visual impact. The proposed works are intended to enable the occupier to remain within his established home and community, whilst providing an appropriate and adaptable environment in which he can live safely and with greater independence as his condition progresses.

We therefore respectfully request that the application is considered in light of the specific circumstances giving rise to the proposals and the significant accessibility and social benefits that would result from the development.

Should the Local Planning Authority require any further information regarding the accessibility requirements, design rationale or proposed works, we would be pleased to provide this in support of the application.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Foulkes-Arnold

