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**PE19 8PL**

**16th March 2025**

**Personal Statement to Support Planning Application**
*Proposed Conversion and Extension of Garage Workshop into a Granny Annexe at 56 High Street, Little Paxton, PE19 6EY*

Dear Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Authority,

I am submitting this application to seek permission to extend the existing garage workshop at 56 High Street, Little Paxton, into a granny annexe to provide suitable accommodation for my father, [redacted] meaning his symptoms significantly impact daily activities such as showering, getting dressed and cooking, although independent living is still possible.

[redacted] it has physically become more challenging for him to reside in his current home, a first floor flat, having suffered several falls in recent years, resulting in one serious hospital admission.

[redacted]

As a result of the worsening of his symptoms over the last few years, in 2022 I made the personal decision to change jobs after 10 years, to work at a company closer to home as commuting to London was no longer feasible with the demands placed upon me because of my father's condition.

To accommodate his increasing physical and mental care needs, we have made the significant family decision to sell both his current home and our home to purchase this property. This move will enable us to create a safe and supportive environment for him and living in close proximity to myself, his only child, and will significantly improve his mental as well as physical wellbeing.

To honour my father's wish to remain as independent as possible, for as long as possible, we have made this life decision to ensure I can support as primary caregiver [redacted]

The proposed annexe will allow my father to live comfortably and with dignity alongside us, with immediate access to assistance when needed. The design has been carefully planned to meet his specific mobility and health requirements, including:

- Step-free access and wider doorways to accommodate mobility aids.
- A ground-floor layout to minimise fall risks and improve accessibility.
- An accessible bathroom with specialist fittings to ensure ease of use and safety.

The annexe will be sympathetically designed to remain in keeping with the character and appearance of the existing property and surrounding area. The scale and materials have been chosen to minimise visual impact, and no overlooking or loss of privacy to neighbouring properties will result from the extension.

To further support this application, we have attached a copy of my father's indefinite entitlement to Personal Independence Payment at the highest rate as well as a letter from his Neurological Team confirming further detail about his condition.

This proposal represents a practical and compassionate solution to allow my father to maintain his dignity and independence while ensuring he receives the necessary care and support. Given the significant personal and financial investment involved in this move, I hope that the Council will recognise the clear need for this annex and take this into consideration when determining the application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Hunt (Daughter)