

AMENDED PLANS

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8th August 2012

Dear Members of the Council

Please be kind enough to consider the following details with regard to our planning application for the enlargement and redesign of our recently purchased property, High Pines.

As you probably know, we are a professional couple. My husband has worked for many years as a locum General Practitioner on the Island, and is currently hoping to return to providing the Island's healthcare service on a permanent basis. I was born and educated on the Islands and much of my family remain on the Island. I am employed by the South Western Ambulance Service working as the Island's only Paramedic. We have three young children under the age of 6 years and our fourth child is due at the end of August.

The house is currently a small single storey two bedroomed property which was built in the 1950s and has been the home of a retired local couple for all those years. The bungalow is charming though dated, there are not enough bedrooms for ourselves, which means that we cannot provide a separate room for a nanny or family member who must live in with us when we are both on call at the same time, which is essential as our response times to emergency calls are immediate and every second counts. In addition there is no dining area, a small and poorly equipped kitchen and an inadequate bathroom. The electrics are in urgent need of renewal and the plumbing is an interesting arrangement where grey water drains onto the garden surrounding the house, which is not really acceptable, particularly for a young family. All glass in the conservatory, porch, rear of the property and the outside covered area is single pane glass and does not conform to any known safety standards, and the attic has very little/no insulation, which makes the house almost unbearably hot in the summer and presumably, will be cold and require lots of heating in the winter.

Our preference in the enlargement and modernisation of this property would be to achieve a five bedroom home, as we would like each of our children to have their own bedroom with a slightly larger double bedroom for ourselves.

On the ground floor we have included an office. Given that we both work freelance and we also run our own company, we need a secure and quiet room away from daily life to accommodate our business and allow the copious quantity of study and commitment required to maintain our professional standards and registrations.

We would also like consideration for a sixth bedroom with an en-suite bathroom so that we will be able to accommodate and care for Stephan's elderly mother once the build is completed. Given that Mrs Schwarz senior is in her late 70s and we will have four children under the age of 6 years it would

be more appropriate to have a quiet and separate downstairs bedroom with her own en-suite bathroom. This would also afford us our privacy as a family.

Please accept our thanks for your consideration of this matter.

With kind regards.

Claudia and Stephan Schwarz