

Proposed Granny Annexe at 1 Mountain Row, Crane Moor Nook, Sheffield S35 7AN

## DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

The annexe is designed as accommodation for elderly relatives to enjoy an independent living within the confines of their existing garden with the benefit of care provided by their children who are to live in the existing house.

The existing dwelling has vehicular access from both front and rear, and the rear access can be used independently. No further access requirements are necessary, but space is allowed for disabled level access in the future if necessary.

The development will help avoid elderly people having to seek new, level accommodation and also the possibility of residential care having to be provided by the local authority.

The design is such that the additional accommodation will be unseen by adjoining owners, and they have in fact welcomed it.

The use of brick walls as opposed to rendered elevations is to give an interesting and pleasing contrast to the surrounding buildings, which make a bland statement.

In the U.K. there is insufficient emphasis on family life, unlike other countries such as Spain, France and Italy where several generations live together. It is important for this country that this is remedied, and the provision of additional accommodation for elderly relatives near to their younger family is essential to help heal the generation gap. Planners should be aware that they must consider more than the physical environment.