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#### **ACCESS STATEMENT**

### **Amount**

The proposal is for a detached four bedroom house with separate garage (see dwg 0606-011). The site is currently the back gardens to 17 & 19 Edward Road, Kennington, which are owned and occupied by the applicant. These will be divided off and a new access formed from Rowles Close. The proposal is to reduce the gardens and access the site from Rowles Close. This involves crossing land owned by Davies Brothers Properties, and a numbered footpath owned by the Local Authority (notice served on both). The proposed site area is 510 sqm, with a change in level across the site of 1.7m. The proposed property has a flat level threshold at the front door and is relatively flat from the door to the garage.

## **Layout**

The houses is orientated towards Rowles Close, the site slopes down from Rowles Close and the building and garage have been sited to make access as gradual as possible. The layout of the property is fairly conventional with ground floor dining room to the front and living room behind, a generous hall and kitchen, utility and downstairs w.c. on the right. On the first floor there are four bedrooms (two en-suite). On the back of the property at ground floor is a conservatory, which opens onto a raised patio area to accommodated the change in level. The garden is split into two areas by the shape of the site and location of the house. These areas can be accessed around the building following the gradient of the site (see dwg 0606-012). Due to the topography access from the back of the house into the garden is via three 150mm steps.

# **Scale**

The house and garage have been placed so as to respond to the heights of surrounding buildings with the house adjacent to the two storey property to the East of the site and the single storey garage adjacent to the bungalow to the West. The house is two storey with a 47.5 degree roof pitch and over the front of the dwelling this allows the roofline to be brought down to form a porch (see dwg 0606-012). The ridge height of the property will be 77.500m, lower than its neighbour at 78.720m. The double garage has a pyramid roof with 35 degree pitch to reduce its impact as much as possible whilst still allowing a tiled finish to match the context.

#### **Appearance**

The area is mainly detached and semi-detached housing in a suburban pattern and therefore has a wide mix of materials and styles. The design of the property reflects the surrounding in its materials using similar brown plain tiles and red brick. The front gable has corner windows adding interest to the side elevations which are visible as you drive past the property. The house is set back from the road with parking to the side which is typical for the area.

### **Transport / Access**

Following discussions directly with the County Highways Authority to evaluate various options, the proposed point of access to the site has been located at the Western end. This reduces the gradient between the main highway (Rowles Close) and the site boundary to a minimum and provides the best visibility in each direction for both the numbered footpath and the actual vehicle highway. Because of the proximity of the vehicle entrance to the numbered footpath, short sections of the existing hedge have been removed to facilitate both the access and an improved vision splay.

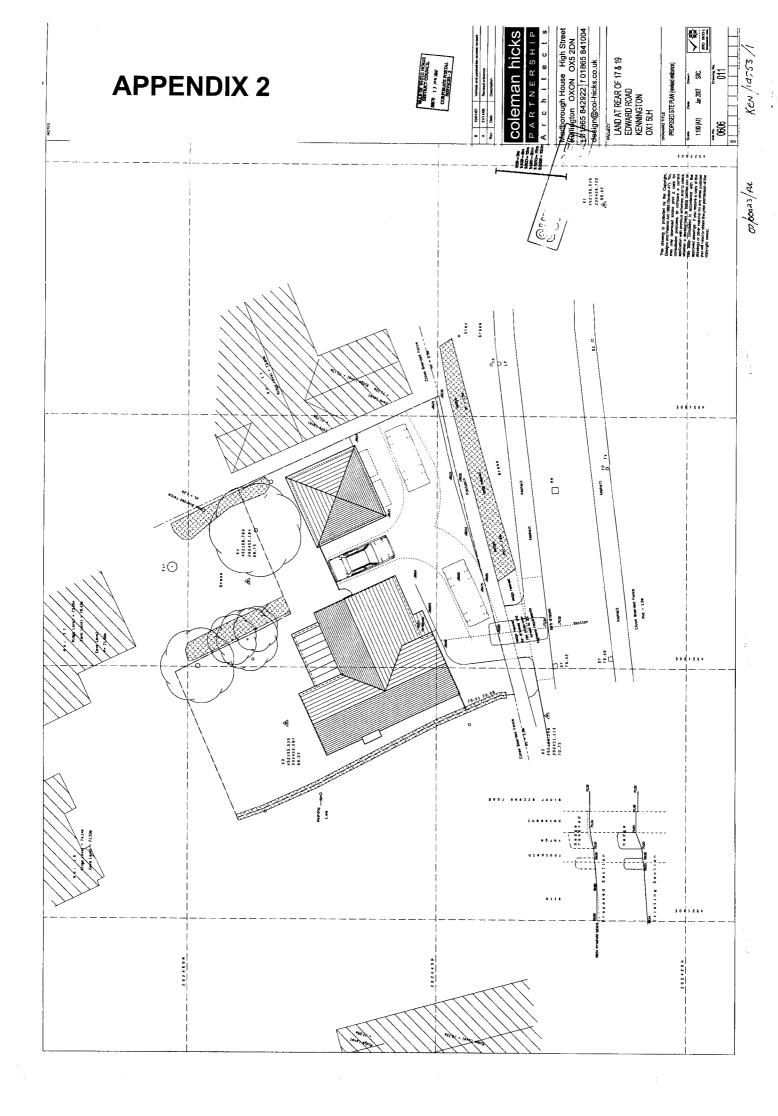
The angled access to the site entrance from within the site involving almost a 90° turn at the exit should afford an early view for the driver of pedestrians or cycles using the numbered footpath and ensure controlled egress and exit from the site. The development is provided with 3 parking spaces (two within the garage) in accordance with County guidelines for a 4-bed property together with the facility to turn a car on site allowing exit from the site in a forward facing manner.

Kennington has a number of local shops and other public facilities and is well served with bus services connecting with both Oxford and Abingdon.

# **Summary**

In summary we feel this proposal is in keeping with the general suburban feel of the area, typified by detached and semi-detached dwellings small front gardens and visible parking areas. The scale and mass of the development is similar to that around and the house fills an obvious gap in the built form. The house is accessible to a wheelchair as it has a flat level threshold and suitable ground floor w.c. The materials used are intended to be in keeping with the area and subject to Local Authority approval.

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