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**Re: Planning Application - Single Storey Rear Extension at 96K West End Lane, Harlington, UB3 5 LX**

Dear Hillingdon Planning team,

I write in support of the accompanying architectural drawings for a proposed single-storey rear extension and a porch to my property.

I purchased this property in 2007 and have owned and occupied it as an independent dwelling for over 19 years, with separate title deeds and council tax account. The property was originally built as an extension to No 96A and later on sold as a separate dwelling, therefore the property should be treated as a new dwelling. The existing 1.1m rear projection is part of that original construction, not an extension I have added.

Our 2-bedroom house currently accommodates five family members: my husband and I in a small bedroom, our two daughters aged 16 and 14 sharing one bedroom, and my elderly mother sleeping in the living room. This means we have no family living space, no dining area, and my mother has no privacy or dignity in her later years. This constitutes statutory overcrowding and is affecting our family's health and wellbeing.

The proposed extension would create a proper dining and living room, allowing us to convert the current living room into a bedroom for my mother. This would provide the minimum adequate space our family needs.

Approving this extension would also benefit Hillingdon Council and the wider community by preventing my mother from having to apply for social housing, thereby solving a housing need at no cost to the council.

Given that the 1.1m projection is original to my dwelling, that the property has operated independently for over 19 years, and that this is a modest single-storey extension, I respectfully request confirmation whether this development qualifies for the 4-metre rear extension. I am requesting 4m rather than 3.6m because the external wall thickness construction reduces the internal usable space by approximately 365mm to around 3.2m, which is quite limited for accommodating a functional living and dining area for a family of 5. This is why a 4m extension is required.

I noticed the contaminated land concern in the last refusal, this is new to me as when I purchased my property, my solicitor never mentioned that the land is contaminated when he done his search. Could you kindly let me know where this information comes from and what it means for our application?

We have a genuine and serious need for this space (overcrowding).

We cannot afford to relocate, and I respectfully ask the council if you could support and approve this application, balancing our exceptional family circumstances and taking into account the wider housing pressures facing Hillingdon and the fact that this is a modest single-storey extension designed to meet basic family needs.

We have good relations with our neighbours who are supportive of our family continuing to live here.

I am happy to provide any additional information or meet with planning officers. I genuinely hope we can find a positive solution that allows our family to remain together in adequate accommodation.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Yours faithfully,

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