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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Application at 49, Dudley Road, Whalley Range, Manchester, M16 8FW

We are applying for planning permission to build a one-bedroom annexe in our rear garden for our parents/parents-in-law, Ruth aged 85 and Peter aged 84. Ruth has vascular dementia and now needs full-time care to achieve daily activities and to stay safe. Until February 2022 Peter was able to fulfil this role but it was becoming more than he could realistically cope with given Ruth's increasing needs and Peter's health. Peter has recently been diagnosed with aortic stenosis which is a critical and life shortening cardiac condition. He is an unsuitable candidate for valve replacement or open-heart surgery and his consultant informed him recently that patients in his situation have an average life expectancy of 2-3 years.

Ruth and Peter have been married for 60 years and live in the family home in Derby, whilst we live in Manchester and Sian's brother Phillip and wife Sarah live in Bristol. Over the course of the last two years since Ruth and Peter's health has declined this distance has proved very difficult for us to coordinate support for health appointments and to oversee interim care arrangements given work and family commitments. Ruth and Peter have a four bedroomed house but are only able to access the ground floor and desperately want to downsize to a more suitable property. As a family we are trying to find the best way to keep Ruth and Peter together whilst ensuring that they are both well cared for and in the shortest time we can achieve this. Time is a pressing factor and we hope that planning permission will be granted in order for us to have the annexe built by September 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Sian Williams and Tim Plant