

Planning Statement in Support of a Side Extension to an Existing GP Surgery

Planning Statement

This statement is submitted in support of a planning application for a single-storey side extension to the existing GP surgery. The proposed development will provide three additional consulting rooms to enable the practice to continue delivering primary healthcare services to the local community.

Background

The surgery has experienced an increase in patient numbers over recent years. This growth has been driven primarily by significant residential development within the practice catchment area, resulting in a substantial increase in the registered patient list.

While the practice has sought to maximise the use of its existing accommodation the building has now reached full capacity. The current consulting rooms are fully utilised throughout the working day, limiting the practice's ability to meet increasing demand for appointments and clinical services.

Need for the Development

The proposed extension is essential to enable the practice to continue providing safe, effective and accessible healthcare services.

The additional consulting rooms will:

- Increase clinical capacity to meet the needs of a growing patient population.
- Improve access to GP and other healthcare appointments.
- Support the recruitment and accommodation of additional clinical staff where required.
- Reduce pressure on existing facilities and improve operational efficiency.
- Ensure the practice is able to continue serving both existing and future residents within the area.

Without the proposed extension, the surgery will increasingly struggle to accommodate the growing number of patients, resulting in reduced appointment availability and increased pressure on healthcare services.

Planning Considerations

The extension has been designed as a sympathetic addition to the existing building, with materials and detailing chosen to complement the current surgery.

The proposal will:

- Maintain the character and appearance of the existing building.

- Be proportionate in scale and design.
- Have minimal impact on neighbouring properties.
- Make effective use of an established healthcare site without expanding services beyond those already provided.

The proposal represents a sustainable form of development by expanding an existing community healthcare facility rather than requiring patients to travel further to access medical services.

Community Benefit

The continued provision of accessible primary healthcare is fundamental to supporting the health and wellbeing of the local community.

The proposed extension will help ensure that healthcare infrastructure keeps pace with the significant housing growth that has taken place, allowing the practice to meet the increased demand generated by new residential development.

The development will provide a long-term benefit by improving access to healthcare, supporting local public services, and ensuring the surgery remains capable of serving the community for many years to come.

Conclusion

The proposed side extension will provide three much-needed consulting rooms that are essential to meet the increasing demand for primary healthcare arising from ongoing population growth and new housing development within the practice area.

The proposal represents a modest, well-designed extension to an existing community facility and will deliver significant public benefit by improving access to healthcare services for existing and future residents.

For these reasons, it is respectfully requested that Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council grants planning permission for the proposed development.