

Planning Statement 4yourcare Ltd

Proposed Extension of Temporary Use – Home Office for Homecare Business

This statement is submitted in support of an application to extend the existing Certificate of Lawful Use, which was granted for a temporary period of six months in August 2025.

The application relates to the continued temporary use of a home office within a residential property as an administrative base for **4YourCare Ltd**, a newly established homecare business. The company provides a regulated personal care service and is registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The use of the home office is strictly limited to administrative tasks and storage associated with the operation of the business. No care services are delivered from the premises, as all services are provided in clients' own homes. As such, there is no increase in traffic, visitors, noise, or disturbance to neighbouring properties.

No physical alterations or external changes have been made to the building, and the residential character of the property remains unchanged.

As part of the CQC registration process, consent from the mortgage lender is required to operate a business from the property. Permission was sought from Barclays Bank, who advised that their approval is conditional upon agreement from the local authority. The extension of the Certificate of Lawful Use is therefore necessary to satisfy this regulatory requirement.

The request for an extension is made due to the company still being in the process of securing service contracts. As a start-up business, operating from a home office temporarily allows the company to minimise overheads and remain financially sustainable during this early stage. The applicant intends for this arrangement to remain temporary and expects to relocate to separate commercial premises within the requested extension period.

The extension is sought for a period of **one year**, during which time the business anticipates being in a position to move to dedicated office accommodation.

In summary, the proposal represents a low-impact, temporary use that does not harm residential amenity, does not involve operational changes to the property, and supports the establishment of a regulated care service within the community. The extension is therefore considered reasonable and appropriate.