

We have lived at 3 Scumbrum Lane for nearly 13 years. Teasel Cottage was the first home we bought as a soon to be married couple. We loved it so much that we knew we wanted to put down roots and start our family here. Our eldest child is now 8 and he attends the village school, High Littleton Church of England Primary. Our daughter is already 19 months old and we hope she'll attend High Littleton PreSchool. As a parent of the school, Rachel regularly attends and sings at the school's Christmas and Easter church services with our son. She has offered her voluntary services as a music teacher to bring added value to the school's arts curriculum. This application comes not from a position of vanity or monetary gain, but to the future direction of our family and to the education of our children, that staying in High Littleton would provide.

Our current living accommodation as a 2 bedroom cottage, has become too small to support our growing family's needs. Suitable affordable housing within the village is limited and the future of the housing market remains uncertain. Our application for an extension represents a financially viable approach to remaining in the village.

Our initial planning application includes a design statement which takes into consideration amenity, character and appearance of the terrace. It details the varying architectural styles, construction methods and extensions that are visible from the house. The proposal would therefore still be in-keeping with local character as both number 1 and number 7 are 3 and 4 bedroom properties respectively.

As a property with 2 double bedrooms which could theoretically accommodate 4 adults, increasing the number of bedrooms to 1 double and 2 singles will maintain, not increase this capacity and therefore not impact the parking provision.

In the interest of transparency, prior to submitting the full planning application, we liaised with our neighbours; the previous and current owners of number 2 and the landlords of number 4 and 5 regarding our intentions. We discussed both the suitable design solutions and the access via the "right of way in common". As intended, we will of course maintain this for all neighbouring properties and will continue to liaise with our neighbours on this civil matter. This "right of way in common" has no stipulations concerning size, construction or mobility access as stated on the original deeds. However, the narrowest section of the planned "right of way in common" diversion is 36 inches allowing for access and manoeuvrability.

Through consultation with the assigned planning officer, we have revised our plans inline with the guidance offered. Our proposal is modest in nature and adheres to all relevant planning regulations and considerations as detailed by the assigned planning officer's report. This would form the basis for any appeal should that be necessary.

As a family, we are committed to contributing to village life, continuing to support the school and the community of High Littleton.