

Date: 13- February -2023

**Ref: Planning Application 22/01582/FUL, 27 Chessel Avenue Southampton SO19 4DY**

To,  
Planning & Rights of Way Panel,  
Southampton City Council.

Dear Panel Members,

I am Mrs. Sindhu Pillai, the joint owner of the above property. I'd like to clarify our intention with respect to what we are trying to achieve with the proposal in this planning application for your kind consideration and understanding while making a decision, which I sincerely hope is a positive one.

We are looking forward to moving into this lovely family-friendly street of Chessel Avenue and making 27 Chessel Avenue our dream family home. Unfortunately due to the objection, our moving plans have been delayed by three months, causing loss of valuable time and undue financial stress in the current economic climate. I am unable to understand the reasons for the objection and hence taking this opportunity to try explain why the said works are important for us to create an enjoyable family home.

With the rear extension, all I am trying to achieve is a large open plan kitchen and dining area because the **existing kitchen area (approx. 9.5 sqm) is too small for our needs**. I love cooking and can't wait to have an large open plan kitchen. This will allow me to connect with and involve rest of the family in cooking, have an enjoyable kitchen dining area where we spend 60-70% of our time as a family.

**The rear extension roof will also host solar panels giving us an opportunity to be eco-friendly and generate green energy.**

Please note that **with the rear extension, we are only adding another 12 sqm** to what is already there and this is not huge by any definition.

I am surprised regarding the comment on the scale of development. There are many considerably larger properties on Chessel Avenue and the adjoining streets. I am unsure as to what the concern is, but the below should provide my perspective:

Currently, there's only one bathroom (on 1<sup>st</sup> floor) servicing this 4 bed property. We're adding a bathroom on each floor for accessibility reasons and my health conditions.

With the refurbishments on first floor, we will be losing two of the small bedrooms (one will be converted to study / library. The other will be converted to an ensuite bathroom for the master bedroom). The loft conversion (which is a permitted development) would help get the two bedrooms we're losing, bringing it back to a four-bed property.

Also, I need a dedicated office room to be able to work from home when possible.

Thus I believe this is a reasonable and very common development request from a family with young children to allow quality family time and create a home suitable also for the occasional socialising with friends and neighbours.

Many thanks for giving us the opportunity to present our statement for your kind review.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs. Sindhu