

74 The Martlets
Rustington
West Sussex
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Arun District Council
Planning

Dear Sir/Ms,

Ref: Planning permission for Annexe at 74 The Martlets, Rustington

I have lived at 74 The Martlets since 1986. However, since my husband passed away on 27th July 2019, I have found it increasingly difficult to maintain the property as I would like. I have considered moving into a flat, sheltered housing but have decided that these alternatives are not for me. Loneliness is a big problem also many of the daily routine everyday tasks I find difficult.

It is over 11 years ago that I fell on the ice on my way home from Church resulting in a partial hip replacement on New Year's Eve which I was left to believe would last 10 years.

I now find I am unable to walk far and bending down, leaning over, getting up from a chair can be painful

Yesterday coming downstairs, I fell from the 4th step, twisting my ankle, hurting my knee and my leg. Fortunately, after a few minutes I was able to turn round and though feeling dizzy able to get up and stagger to a chair. There was no one to contact. A Granny Annexe would have been very reassuring in this situation and it would mean someone most likely would be around and able to assist.

To have my grandchildren in the house as well as my son and daughter-in-law would be a great comfort to me.

This would mean I could live independently with no worries, have care, see my family and importantly manage to look after my home. A better quality of life.

I do not get any financial help from the State at the moment so this solution would benefit everyone.

The design of the Annexe is very attractive both inside and out and easy to maintain. As you are aware the government is promoting independent living for the elderly, I shall be 82 at my next birthday, what better solution could there be.

Please look at the proposed Annexe in my garden sympathetically. The construction of a work shop, incidentally the same size, for my neighbour at No. 70 was passed by planning, there being no objections from the neighbours.

Thanking you for your best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Lax