

CLIENT STATEMENT OF CASE FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WITH REGARDS
THE NEED FOR AN ADAPTED ADDITION TO GREEN PASTURES TO ADDRESS
DISABILITY AND SEVERE LIMITATIONS

I was involved in a road traffic accident on 17 September 2019 and suffered severe multiple injuries (polytrauma). I am very lucky to be alive and, despite the HEMS doctor not thinking I would make the journey, I was airlifted to King's College Hospital, London. I spent over three weeks at King's in a coma, during which time my family had to make some difficult decisions on my behalf. I needed to undergo several operations and it was made clear to them during this time that it was 50/50 as to whether I would live. My back was broken and required an operation, I had multiple fractured ribs and punctured both lungs, a major shoulder injury, a serious open fracture of my right leg and the main artery running through my knee on my left leg was severely damaged from the impact of being hit by the car. Due to the risk of blood clots to the lower part of the leg, I firstly had a below the knee amputation and then 5 days later an above the knee amputation.

Following seven and a half weeks at King's, I was moved to the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital which specialises in spinal cord injuries which is where I was treated for the subsequent seven months. I discharged from hospital in June 2020 and continue to work on my rehabilitation at home.

My wife's parents, Nick and Geri Bright, purchased their home in the Scilly Isles about 15 years ago and my wife, Emily, and I have been visiting Scilly together for the past 14 years. Emily's parents spend approximately six months every year there. We have one son, Murray, and we love going on holiday in the Scilly Isles. Murray has been to Scilly every year since he was born, he is very happy there and enjoys being on his grandfather's boat. We truly enjoy the spirit of adventure on Scilly and in the past have been involved in lots of activities including boating, kayaking, walking between the islands, swimming, participating in the Tresco marathon and also competing in the Tresco Triathlon.

It is very much part of lives and our intention to continue to visit Emily's parents' home in the Scilly Isles on a regular basis. More so now given my disability and the restrictions that inevitably imposes on longer haul holidays.

Currently the property, in its present state, is wholly unsuitable for my use having regard to my injuries. I can't access the bathroom. The doors are too narrow for wheelchair use. Some levelling out needs to be undertaken for internal and external access. There is no wet room for me to shower and the idea is to construct a small extension to provide a bedroom for use by Emily and I with an ensuite wet room and storage facilities for my equipment. Currently the property is wholly unsuitable for my use and accessible accommodation that would meet my basic needs is extremely difficult to obtain. The planning permission sought is so that I can meet my basic health requirements and we can continue to enjoy the spirit of Scilly as a family unit.

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