

Access Statement for First Floor Rear Extension at Flat 1 Church Hill Angmering

Please find an access statement as requested and required under Section 4 of your guidance notes:

Angmering has a village square from which good access is available to all local shops and transportation

Moving out from the square is a mixture of shops with flats over and housing

Existing:

Access to the main entrance of Flat 1 Church Hill is off an existing vehicular access way

This route is to provide access to garages off Church Hill and The Square behind local shops which have flats above. This route is level and is able to be used by wheelchair and other mobility aids

Once at the sites domestic curtilage a single timber gate is found which forms part of the boundary along with a chain link fence. The gate is operated by a standard gate latch; a step down is encountered when passing through the gate which leads into a court yard area

To gain access to the main entrance and living areas a flight of stairs needs to be over come as accommodation is on the first floor due to a shop being located at ground level. Within the court yard is a separate WC which is for the use of the shop tenants.

The stair approach includes a single hand rail fixed by brackets allowing a whole hand hold. The width of the stairs would allow assistance to be provided should it be required. At the top of the stairs a single timber gate is found which incorporates a simple secure method of operation this leads onto a balcony area which allows for seating

Access into the dwelling is via a pvc-u standard width door and stepped approach off the balcony area

Proposed:

The new extension will not affect the existing access route.

The only change will be the orientation of the front door and the reduction of balcony area enabling a new bathroom and entrance hall to be built so as to extend the life of the building for myself and my wife.

The extension should also cure a leak which is occurring on the balcony area and parapet wall which is allowing water into the shop below

As described on the application form it is intended that the finishes and materials used will be of a traditional appearance and will match the existing where possible

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