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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Proposed Access Ramp to

FLATS 1 – 6, MADEHURST COURT, LITTLEHAMPTON. BN17 7BX

Use: Madehurst Court is an 'L' shaped block of 18 purpose built owner occupied / privately rented flats, one of which is owned and occupied by the applicant.

Context: The site lies immediately north of Littlehampton Rail Station and the flats built over 3 storeys have South and West frontages on to Gloucester Road and Gloucester Place with additional car parking access off the Howard Road boundary to the north.

The other properties in Gloucester Road, Gloucester Place and Howard Road are generally single dwelling terraced houses built around the turn of the 20th Century, plus Rose Court, a purpose built block of flats at the eastern end of Gloucester Road.

Access: To the applicants flat is via an existing concrete path from the northern pavement to Gloucester Road up to a communal entrance door for flats nos. 1 – 6.

The path is gently sloping up to the original level platform outside the communal entrance door. This platform has subsequently been raised in attempt to provide easier wheelchair access. However this previous raising of the platform, although adequate for an electric wheelchair, has proved to be unsatisfactory for a manual wheelchair.

The applicant is a manual wheelchair user and needs to be able to gain access to his ground floor flat hence the proposal to alter the pathway to provide an accessible ramp and platform.

Amount, Layout and Scale: The proposed ramp and level platform will be formed on the same footprint as the existing path and platform but with a dwarf brick wall and galvanised guard rails each side of the ramp and 'free' side of the platform to prevent wheelchairs / users falling off these areas.

Appearance: The new construction will be viewed by users of Gloucester Road but, we believe, will not be detrimental to the existing street scene.

Consultation: Consultations have taken place with the managing agents for the block of flats and individual notices have been sent to the flat owners / occupiers who use this entrance for their comments.

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