

Cheltenham Borough Council
Built Environment



F.a.o. Dave Anderson, by email to david.anderson@cheltenham.gov.uk

10th August 2018

Dear Sir,

Re: 6 Wards Road, Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, GL51 6JW; App. No. 18/01129/FUL.

In the absence on leave of Gary Dickens, the Case Officer for the above application, which is to go to Committee next Thursday as Item 6b on the Agenda, my clients have asked me to attend the Meeting in the Public Gallery, and to offer to answer any questions that might arise from the Committee.

In addition, they have asked me to offer a change to the external facing materials to the proposals, from black Rockpanel cladding, to reconstituted stone walling to match the existing house as closely as possible, if the Committee thought this would be more acceptable.

I also attach the updated 'Statement of Support of the planning application', similar to that given to the Committee in September 2016.

Please can I ask you to put this letter and the above, to the Committee before Thursday's meeting.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of M.J. Glenister.

M.J. Glenister, Director

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Statement in Support of Planning Application Ref. 18/O1129/FUL giving further justification to the Proposals.

1.0 Consultation:

The applicant has contacted the following neighbours with the changes to the original plans including the New proposed side and front elevations; -

[REDACTED]	4 Wards Road
[REDACTED]	8 Wards Road
[REDACTED]	31 Wards Road
[REDACTED]	29 Wards Road
[REDACTED]	27 Wards Road [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	25 Wards Road

All are fully supportive of doing what is needed for [REDACTED]

2.0 Medical Needs:

[REDACTED] was diagnosed with MS in 1998, which has been an increasingly debilitating illness, which confines her permanently to a wheelchair.

The existing house is equipped with a stair-lift from ground to first floor where the bedrooms are located and the wheelchair accessible bathroom with bath lift.

Access to the second floor requires [REDACTED] to carry a small electric wheelchair to the second floor and then carry [REDACTED] up the stairs.

To use the existing stair-lift [REDACTED] has an electric wheelchair on the ground floor and a second one on the first floor, both have seats which can be raised electrically. Even so, transfers between the wheelchairs and the stair-lift require assistance and are exhausting and painful.

3.0 Why the External Lift:

The existing house has too many obstructions to installing an internal platform lift, which would have been ideal and the obvious solution. This was investigated right at the start and the only type of lift that might have fitted between the obstructions would not be large enough to accommodate a wheelchair let alone an attendant or carer as well.

4.0 The Solution:

The proposed self-supporting external lift structure will have minimal impact on the existing house apart from forming the three new doorways at each floor level. This means that the whole structure could be taken down and removed if necessary.