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### **Design and Access Statement, 8 Berkley Road, London, NW1 8YR**

This proposal is for the construction of a lift enclosure to the rear elevation of the above. This is necessary as a resident family member has a degenerative disease and will shortly require lift assistance. It is proposed to give access to all floors above ground level and includes the reconfiguration of the rear portion of every floor to create a lobby at each landing. To reduce the external impact of the lift enclosure it is sited in an internal corner, it doesn't break the existing parapet line and is wholly contained within the existing building footprint.

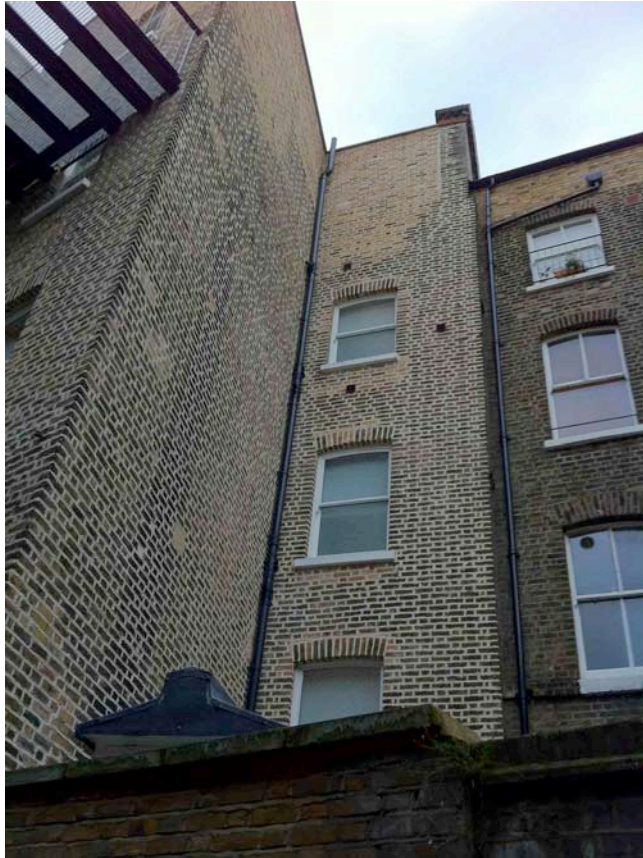
The proposed structure is a galvanised steel frame infilled with plain opaque glass panels ensuring a strong contrast with the heavier appearance of the adjacent stock brickwork as per conservation advice. However the steel frame is set to align with the window heads and cills of the immediate neighbour to reflect a level of context. There is a narrow clear glazed vertical strip at the junction between the south face of the enclosure and the existing brick wall to allow natural daylight into the landings and rooms behind. The lift is in a rear internal corner facing Eglon Mews with little impact to the immediate neighbour's outlook or privacy. The frame is to be carefully detailed, ensuring the lift workings are acoustically encased to cause no nuisance.

We feel this simple proposal will facilitate our client's ongoing use and enjoyment of their home with minimal impact on this gated semi-private mews in the Primrose Hill conservation area.

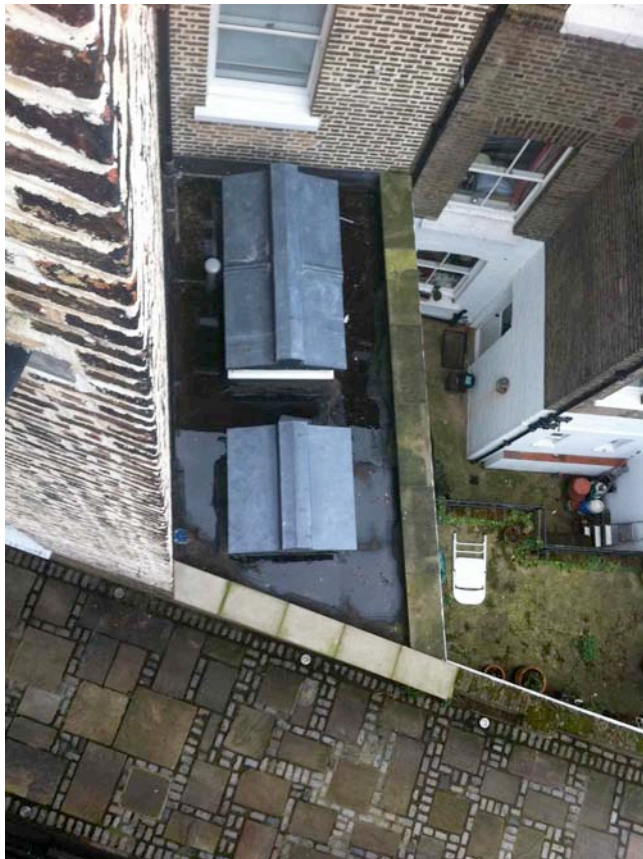
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View from Eglon Mews



View of rear elevation from mews



View of lower rear extension from above