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

The proposal for the above is for the construction of a lift enclosure extending from the existing rear elevation. Unfortunately a resident family member has a degenerative illness and will in time, require lift assistance. It is planned to give them access to all floors above ground level and includes the reconfiguration of the rear portion of all internal layouts to create an access and lobby at each level. This re-working of layouts enables shaft and lobby areas to be contained within the existing ground floor footprint minimising any projection of the new extension.

To facilitate the smallest footprint the proposed structure is steel frame clad with composite insulated panels incorporating a zinc sheet finish to ensure the appearance is of high quality. There will be a narrow obscured glazed vertical strip at the junction between the south face of the enclosure and the existing brick wall to allow natural daylight into the lift lobbys and rooms behind. The enclosure is located on an internal corner and so is fairly recessed with little impact to the neighbour's outlook or privacy.

We feel these modest proposals will facilitate our clients ongoing use and enjoyment of their home and will have minimal impact on the appearance of the local conservation area.

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