

Design & Access Statement for new extended house at 2 Quickswood, NW3

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The design of the new extension is similar to the recently approved scheme at number 1 Hawtry Road.

This design follows the style of the estate with white painted brickwork to all new elevations, vertical window emphasis and horizontal timber boarding as spandrels between the windows. The new extension will bring the elevation to King Henry's Road into alignment with number 68 Quickswood and the majority of properties along the road.

The access provision for the new proposal will considerably improve the potential for the less physically able to reach the upper floor. The current house is quite constricted internally with a spiral stair to the first floor. This arrangement also breaches any current Building Regulation for means of escape in case of fire, since the stairs are positioned in the ground floor living rooms.

The proposal separates the stairs from the habitable rooms, making the escape route safe, and will provide much improved access for ambulant disabled. The stair will be fitted with handrails to both sides of the flights. The entrance steps from the footpath of King Henry's Road to the new front door position will have also handrails on both sides.