

# Design and Access Statement

in respect of a detailed planning application

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At 75 York Way, London. N7 9QF

## A DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT PREPARED

For  
One Housing

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**1.00 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.01 This Design and Access Statement accompanies an application for the provision of a new step lift and reduction in height of the access pathway within the boundaries of 75 York Way, London, N7 9QF together with a new access gate within the front boundary wall to allow access to the manhole and rainwater gully for maintenance purposes. The application is to be read in conjunction with the planning drawings 10867/01 and /02 which forms part of this submission.
- 1.02 The property is located on the west side of York Road opposite Market Road and is a mid-terrace three storey town house constructed in 1872.
- 1.03 Access to the front entrance door is via a concrete pathway stepping up from the public highway by 70mm and then with a slight incline extends to the front entrance door where there is a concrete step up of 210mm.
- 1.04 The front garden is fully paved with solid concrete and is set 330mm below the access pathway leading up to the front entrance door. Within the front garden is a manhole cover and yard gully as shown on drawing 10867/01.
- 1.05 The front boundary is formed with a 225mm brick wall with 330mm square brick piers to the left hand boundary wall line and left hand side of the front entrance gate. The left and right hand boundary walls are 102mm thick brick walls. The front gate consists of a metal gate set in metal posts and opens inwards and to the right hand side.
- 1.06 The property is owned by One Housing Group and their tenant has been assessed by a London Borough of Camden Occupational Therapist. Their recommendation is for the front entrance to be adapted for wheelchair access and due to the height of existing step and length of front garden have deemed that a ramp is not feasible. The proposal involves providing a step lift which requires the front path to be lowered to make it level with the public high way.
- 1.07 A copy of the Occupational Therapist's report is located in Appendix A of this report.
- 1.08 The Occupation Therapist has recommended the installation of a Wessex SP500 external lift the manufacturers details are located in Appendix B.
- 1.09 The proposed lift will block access to the front garden and in particular access to the manhole cover and yard gully for maintenance. The proposal therefore also includes a new access point through the front boundary wall.

**2.00 AMOUNT**

- 2.01 The proposal is for a new external step lift to the front access door of the property.
- 2.02 It is proposed to use a Wessex SP500 external step lift with an overall height of 810mm and external dimensions of 1.465m in length and 980mm wide. The existing concrete pathway from the public footpath up to the front entrance door will be renewed at a lower level so that there is level access at its junction with the public footpath.
- 2.03 The front entrance gate and post will be removed to allow wheelchair access to the step lift.
- 2.04 A new opening will be formed in the front brickwork boundary wall at the left hand end to provide access into the front garden for maintenance purposes. The existing front access gate and posts can be utilised for this.

**3.00 LAYOUT**

- 3.01 Access is still maintained to the front entrance door. New access will be provided to the front garden for maintenance purposes.

**4.00 SCALE**

- 4.01 The proposals do not increase the occupancy of the residential property. There is currently no off street car parking and these requirements do not change with the proposals.
- 4.02 The proposals do not affect the front elevation of the house and therefore the street scene is not altered.
- 4.03 There are no additional requirements for refuse collection.

**5.00 LANDSCAPING**

- 5.01 The existing concrete pathway will be renewed to allow for the installation of a step lift.
- 5.02 The existing brick front boundary wall will be adapted to provide new access to the front garden for maintenance.

**6.00 DESIGN**

- 6.01 The new pathway will be constructed in concrete to match the existing pathway.
- 6.02 The existing boundary wall opening will be quoined up in matching brickwork. The existing painted metal gate and posts will be reused in the new opening.

**7.00 ACCESS**

- 7.01 The existing pedestrian access to the property will not be affected by the proposals. There is no vehicular access.

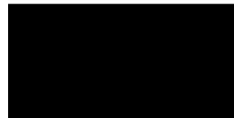
**8.00 SUSTAINABILITY**

- 8.01 The use of the land and building remains residential and with the proposed alterations increases the longevity of the property for the current tenant in their accustomed surroundings. The proposed works are easily reversible should the need arise in the future.
- 8.02 There is no increase to the existing drainage system, waste and recycling collection.
- 8.03 The proposals do not affect the existing mobility and transport facilities.

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Date: 10 December 2018



**APPENDIX A: Occupational Therapists Report dated 27/11/18**



Date: 27/11/18

Our Ref: [REDACTED]

London Borough of Camden  
Supporting People  
Camden Town Hall  
Judd Street  
London WC1H 9JE

Tel: 020 7974 4000 option 1  
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Dear Aids and Adaptation Team,

Re **REQUEST FOR AN ADAPTATION**

Name of Client [REDACTED]
Address: 75 YORK WAY LONDON N7 9QF

Guided by the Care Act 2014 and the London Boroughs Criteria for Provision of Adaptations the above client has been assessed by an Occupational Therapist and is deemed eligible for the following adaptation(s) to their own home which will meet their functional needs:

<p>Details of adaptation:</p> <p><b>1. Wet Room shower area downstairs</b> Formation of wet floor shower WC area accessible through the kitchen. To be created by using the existing utility and toilet space to maximise the space for wet shower area as per plans and drawing.</p> <p><b>2. Front door access</b> To adapt existing 8.5" height step for wheelchair access. This will involve groundwork: create a level access in front of entrance door and a new step to accommodate the step lift. Form a solid concrete base for the new step lift. Installation of a step lift. Create new access into the front garden and make it levelled with the street level if required.</p>
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Any changes to the Request for Adaptation should be agreed by the OT involved.

SIGNED: Vered Hyman ..... PRINT NAME: Vered Hyman Occupational Therapist	TEL No: 02079741284  DATE: 27/11/18
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I understand this adaptation will not be modified/removed without further OT assessment.

Martin Pratt  
Executive Director of Supporting People



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**APPENDIX B: Wessex SP500 External Step Lift details**

# Step Lift - SP500

The Wessex Step Lift has been developed as a relatively low cost option to give wheelchair users easy access where difficulties exist due to a change in level or the presence of one or two steps.

The lift is compact whilst offering a large platform area and shallow ramp for easy access.



## Flexibility

Can be installed either internally or externally. May be used to rise directly over one or two steps or installed alongside steps.

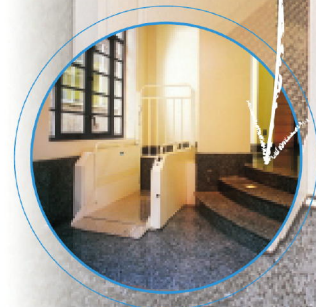
Lifts to a maximum height of 500mm.

## Installation, Instruction and After Sales Care

The lift will be installed by Wessex trained engineers.

A comprehensive user manual, on site training and maintenance advice is provided.

Wessex offer a selection of maintenance contracts to meet individual requirements.



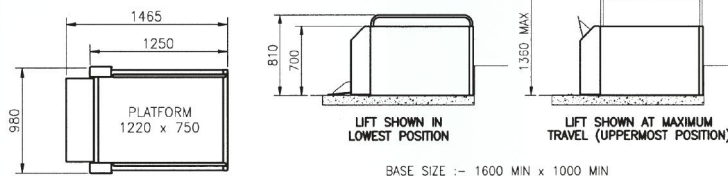
The Specialists in Low Rise Lifting Platforms

 **Wessex**

# Step Lift - SP500

## Technical details

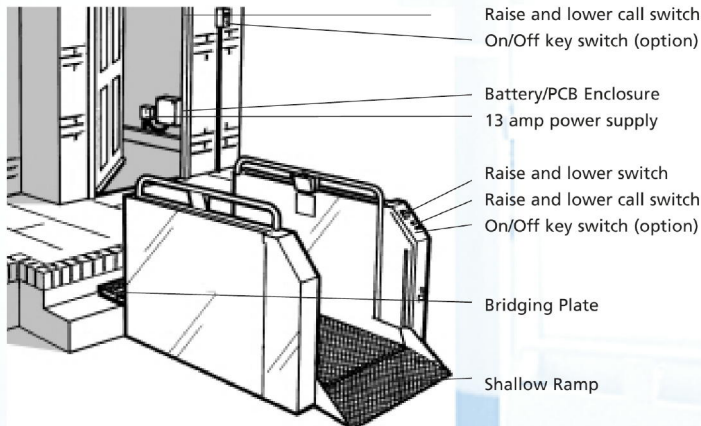
### Dimensions



FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND OPTIONS PLEASE  
REQUEST DRAWING No SP01 9000 SHEETS 1-4

The Wessex policy is one of continuous product development and the Company therefore reserves the right to alter product or component specifications without notice

### Design



### Features

**Shallow Ramp** for easy access. Ramp automatically folds when lift is raised.

**Non-Slip Flooring** fitted as standard.

**Easy to Use Internal Controls** for operator independence.

**Call Stations** - The lift may be operated from call stations located in convenient positions at both levels.

A key control system (optional extra) may be incorporated into the call stations to prevent unauthorised use.

**Manual Lowering** for use in the event of a power failure.

**Concertina Blind** fitted to underside of platform to discourage children and animals from hiding under the lift. Also acts as a guard against litter. Standard on all models.

**Interlocked Safety Gate** at upper level is available as an option.

**Safe Working Load - 225kg**

**Maximum step height - 500mm**

**CE Marked** in compliance with European Regulations.

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