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2020/4848/P	Debbie Radcliffe for Bloomsbury Residents Action Group	18/12/2020 15:21:05	SUPPRT	<p>Bloomsbury Residents Action Group (BRAG) was formed in 2016 to provide a voice and support for local residents regarding matters of concern.</p> <p>We have been asked to support the planning application by Mr and Mrs Smith for an lift to be installed at 11 Regent Square, which is a listed building within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.</p> <p>Access to a lift will considerably improve the quality of life for Mr Smith, whose disability (due to polio) prevents him from using the whole house as his home.</p> <p>No 11 Regent Square will benefit from being lived in and cared for by the owner occupiers, if it is able to suit their needs. So many Georgian town houses in Bloomsbury have been bought as "investment properties" and turned into separate flats. This tends to impact much more harmfully on any original heritage features.</p> <p>We also feel that the genuine disability of the owner has to be taken into consideration and that these special circumstances should permit the erection of a lift so he can continue to enjoy residential amenity within his own home.</p> <p>We therefore fully support the Application.</p>
2020/4848/P	Stephen Wood	14/12/2020 09:45:48	COMMNT	<p>I write to support this application wholeheartedly. The external lift is necessary to enable a disabled person, Mr Smith, to gain access to all his property and so live a decent life in a house which he and his wife bought before he became disabled and wheelchair-bound. I do not believe that it will impinge significantly upon the rear appearance of the building, the more so because it will hardly be visible - and certainly not from St George's Gardens. As an external lift, it will barely affect the internal structure of the building - which retains its intrinsic integrity as one of the few entire houses remaining in the terrace. It is clear from the rest of the application that Mr and Mrs Smith respect the architectural value of the building, in their wish to replace non-original windows. I am firmly of the view that they can be trusted not to attempt to make any changes to the building that would materially alter its architectural or historical status - and that in a terrace that has suffered many unfortunate changes to its historic integrity in past decades.</p>
2020/4848/P	Michael Schmid	12/12/2020 10:33:13	SUPPRT	<p>I fully support this application as it will improve the lives of those living inside greatly. As a neighbour I see no issues with the proposal.</p>
2020/4848/P	Erdem Moralioglu MBE	19/12/2020 17:31:31	NOBJ	<p>My husband and I live at number 4 Regent Square. Andrew Smith who has made the application is wheelchair-bound, so it is imperative he have the lift installed.</p> <p>I fully believe that on disability grounds alone, this lift should be permitted. I absolutely support this application as it is a human right for Andrew and his wife to remain in their home and be able to function.</p> <p>Erdem Moralioglu MBE</p>

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2020/4848/P	Nick Bond	13/12/2020 18:30:46	SUPPRT	We would strongly support our neighbours' proposals, which would allow them to fully access and enjoy their property with only minimal interventions required to the listed building. The listed building designation should not prevent the creative solutions proposed to improve access throughout the building which represent a flexible and pragmatic approach to balancing the need for better access and the requirement to minimise alterations to the historic fabric of the building.
2020/4848/P	Ariel Bruce	12/12/2020 10:38:26	NBJNOT	<p>Andrew and Lucy Smith, of 11 Regent Square, have applied to you for permission to install an external lift from the basement level of their house to the 2nd floor level. Because of the building development to the former Dairy, this external lift would not be visible from St George's Gardens.</p> <p>Since buying 11 Regent Square some years ago, Andrew has become wheelchair-bound, so he and Lucy are currently forced to live in the lower ground-floor level of the property. I am strongly of the view that, on Disability Rights alone, this lift should be permitted.</p> <p>There is a precedent for the installation of such a lift in the borough. A similar lift was permitted by Camden in the Nash Terraces adjacent to Regent's Park.</p> <p>Leaving aside the necessity of this lift being installed in order to enable Andrew to enjoy a reasonable life in their house, if it is not permitted then Andrew and Lucy will be forced to sell the property - which is still a complete house - with the risk that it may then be bought and broken up into separate units.</p> <p>It is my opinion that this application should be approved.</p>
2020/4848/P	Harriet Goodman	16/12/2020 17:11:38	SUPPRT	<p>My husband and I have lived at 3 Regent Square since 1985, one of the two other family homes in the same terrace, and we are fully in support of this application. As a young couple we were lucky to buy the ground floor up; five years later we purchased the separate basement flat, and worked as hard as the Smiths clearly intend to restore a much-altered property as near as possible to its original condition.</p> <p>We do not personally know the applicants but the documents and drawings demonstrate how sensitive they are to the historic beauty of the building and its surroundings, and how carefully they aim to restore it while making it fully accessible for Mr Smith, and indeed for any future resident with restricted mobility. The proposed external lift will not be visible from St George's Gardens and will by no means detract from the haphazardly altered rear elevation of the whole terrace.</p> <p>We strongly believe that restoring historic homes to enable people to 'age in place' will be crucial to meeting the needs not just of individual families, but of all society.</p>

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2020/4848/P	Jo Baktis	13/12/2020 14:35:25	SUPPRT	<p>I have looked at this application and supporting documents, and would like to register my support for the proposals.</p> <p>The proposed lift appears to be a practical suggestion to allow the occupants to continue to live in their wonderful house.</p> <p>They do not look as though they will in any way detract from the listed terrace on the south side of Regent Square. To the contrary, allowing the lift to be installed will help to maintain the residence as a family home and maintain the integrity of the listed house.</p> <p>As a near neighbour, I reiterate my support for the application.</p>
