Supporting Statement by Applicant at 85 Grange Avenue

The current wooden staircase to my rear garden is extremely steep and slippery. I have already fallen once and as I get older I am increasingly anxious about falling again. The staircase also encroaches on what is a very small garden, substantially limiting the amount of usable space.

Therefore I would like to replace it with a metal, spiral staircase. The metal design of the treads will improve drainage to reduce the slipperiness, and the spiral format will both reduce its steepness and create a more compact footprint to maximise the usable garden area. The overall design will also improve the look of the rear of the building.

I have informed my joint freeholders (who are also my neighbours at 84 Grange Avenue) of my planning application and they are supportive of the proposed works.