

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction:

This document has been prepared by Tricker Blackie Associates to explain the principles and reasons behind the proposals.



Background:

73 Church Street is grade II listed and has the following entry:

LAVENHAM CHURCH STREET 1. 5377 (north-west side) Nos 71 to 74 (consec) TL 9149 50/527 II GV 2. A mid C19 red brick building with gault brick band and dressings. Roof tiled. Two storeys. Four window range of double-hung sashes with glazing bars, in shallow reveals. Modern doors except No 74 which has the original 3-panel door. Two ridge chimney stacks. Included for group value. The building has the date 1855 on the raised band.

Listing NGR: TL9141449023

The applicant has owned and lived in the property for the past 52 years and consider the addition of a stair lift as being wholly reasonable and necessary to enable them to continue their enjoyment of the property as they live out their old age.

This application seeks to gain approval to the installation of a stair lift.

Description:

The proposed works are to install a Stannah Stair lift.

The existing stair is a timber, straight flight stair. The proposed stair lift is fixed to the stair treads.

The existing wall rail/handrail is to be removed to facilitate the installation.

Justification:

The property is two-storey with reception rooms and kitchen at ground floor and 2 bedrooms and bathroom at first floor. Mr Aldous is registered blind and also has a weakened knee. Mrs Aldous suffers from arthritis in the knees and so for both of them, negotiating the stairs is a daily hazard.

The stair lift will enable the Mr & Mrs Aldous to safely and conveniently access all floors of the property.

The original staircase and handrail were removed in 1973 as part of essential modernisation works to make the property habitable.

The works to install the stair lift are reversible.

Proposals:

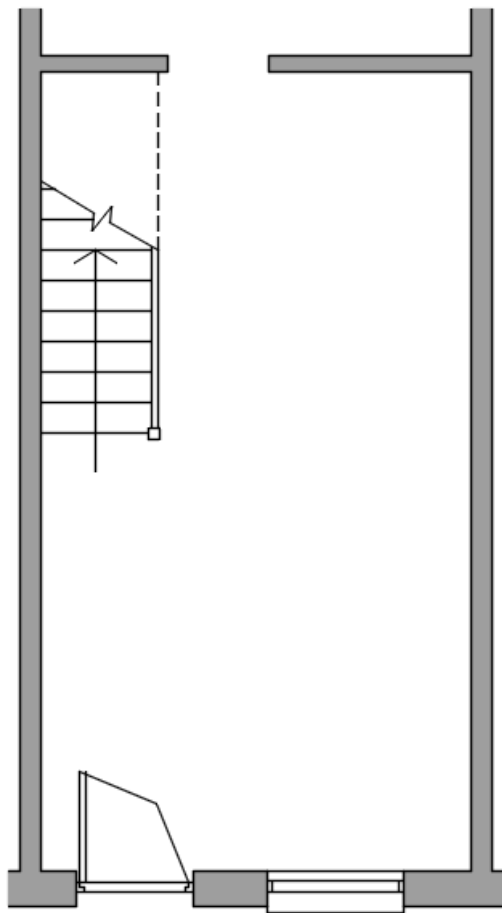
To install an electrically powered Stannah Stair Lift 600 fixed to the timber stair treads.



(Image 1 –Indicative only)



(Image 2 – Modern staircase installed 1973, balustrading changed circa 1985)



(Image 3 – Floor plan)

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