

## Design and Access Statement for Proposed Home Modifications

At 4 Moor Park Court - North Shields



### Introduction:

This design and access statement outlines the proposed alterations to a dwelling to create a ground-floor bedroom and wet room for a disabled family member, along with improving overall accessibility. The focus is on enhancing the independence, comfort, and dignity of the individual while complying with relevant accessibility standards and regulations.

### Design Principles:

- **Universal Design:** The design adopts universal design principles to cater to the needs of users with diverse abilities, making the space usable by everyone regardless of disability.
- **Accessibility Standards:** The modifications adhere to relevant accessibility standards, including Building Regulations Part M and any additional guidelines as per the specific needs of the disabled family member.
- **Functionality and Comfort:** The bedroom and wet room are designed for functionality and comfort, incorporating assistive technologies and features wherever necessary.
- **Visual Appeal:** The extension and internal changes will seamlessly integrate with the existing dwelling, respecting the overall aesthetic and character of the house.

### Specific Design Details:

- **Front Living Room Extension:** The extension will provide additional space for the living room while also creating an accessible route to the new bedroom and wet room.
- **Garage Conversion:** The converted garage will house the bedroom and wet room. The space will be designed to accommodate standard bedroom furniture and essential personal care equipment.
- **Wet Room:** The wet room will feature level access showers, grab bars, and other assistive features for safe and independent bathing.
- **Internal Modifications:** Modifications to doorways, hallways, and other internal spaces will ensure an accessible circulation path throughout the dwelling. This may include widening doorways, lowering thresholds, and installing ramps as needed.

### Benefits of the Proposed Design:

- **Improved Accessibility:** The design will significantly enhance the accessibility of the dwelling, allowing the disabled family member to navigate the home independently and with greater ease.
- **Increased Independence:** The ground-floor bedroom and wet room will provide the disabled family member with greater independence and privacy, improving their quality of life.
- **Inclusive Living:** The modifications will encourage a more inclusive living environment for the entire family, fostering greater participation and interaction.
- **Compliance with Regulations:** The design will comply with all relevant accessibility standards and regulations, ensuring safety and usability.

**Conclusion:**

The proposed design aims to create a functional, accessible, and aesthetically pleasing space that caters to the specific needs of the disabled family member while enhancing the overall accessibility of the dwelling for everyone. This project not only fulfills compliance requirements but also promotes independent living and fosters an inclusive environment for the family.

We fully believe the proposals are in keeping with the surrounding area and should be granted approval to assist with the family needs moving forward.