

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/17/00619

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/17/00619

Address: 40 Bridgefoot Path, Emsworth, PO10 7EB

Proposal: Installation of external stairlift from front path to front door.

Case Officer: Karen Wooden

Consultee Details

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Comments

Conservation Officer - Comment

40 Bridgefoot Path sits within the Emsworth Conservation Area overlooking Mill Pond. The property is an end of terrace of render finish with a band of flint work at first floor level and tiled roof. The property sits in an elevated position behind a brick wall that separates the property from the public road access along Bridgefoot Path.

Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires planning authorities, when considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a Conservation Area, to have special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of that area.

Whilst the information submitted does not show the exact location of the installation of the chairlift. The installation of the chair lift in itself is not an issue as allowing continued accessibility to the applicant is to be encouraged. Whilst the lift will be visible from the roadside this can be mitigated by returning the lift to the top of the stairs where it would also have the benefit of deterring any misuse from passers by. The fact that the details of the stair lift shows that it can be folded up to reduce the impact on other users of the stairs is a benefit.

Long term I think that conditioning the installation of the lift to the applicant use so as to ensure that it is removed should it no longer be required. In order to minimise any long term impact it may have on The Conservation Area.

If the case officer is happy that this proposal has no other knock on impact to the property or those adjacent to it, such as positioning of wheelie bins then I am happy to give my support for the application.

