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Erection of single storey side extension; Reconfiguration of front entrance steps, including external step lift for wheelchair access and relocation of front door.

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Thank you for your comments.

The proposed step lift is intended to overcome a level change of approximately 500mm to provide disabled access for the applicant, who is a wheelchair user. It is highly likely that the installed lift will be either a **Terry Lifts TSL1000**, a **Pollock Lifts 1m Classic step lift**, or a similar equivalent product. The final selection will be made by the client and/or contractor and will be dependent on cost, lead-in time and availability at the time of installation.

If it is considered necessary for an exact product specification to be fixed, I would suggest that this is dealt with by way of a planning condition, requiring final details to be submitted for approval prior to installation, rather than at this stage. Brochures for the two example lift types referenced above are attached for information.

Regarding noise output, manufacturers do not routinely publish formal decibel ratings in their standard literature. However, I have contacted the manufacturers directly, who have advised that typical operating noise levels for these types of hydraulic step lifts are in the order of approximately 40–50 dB during operation. This is broadly comparable to normal domestic background noise and is temporary, occurring only while the lift is in motion.

In terms of layout, the step lift arrangement will generally reflect the configurations shown in the attached brochures. The lift will not be concealed behind a wall or fence. The associated steps and platform will be formed in brickwork and/or concrete, as described within the planning application drawings and supporting information.

For completeness, the property is neither listed nor located within a conservation area. A ramped access solution has been considered but is not feasible due to the slope of the front driveway. Any compliant ramp would need to be excessively long, resulting in an over-dominant feature that would remove existing parking provision and significantly impact the functionality of the frontage.

Please let me know if you require any further clarification.

Regards



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