

Thoralby – Design Statement

This application aims to enhance the accessibility and functionality of an existing bungalow by proposing a rear and side extension. The primary goal is to accommodate a wheelchair-bound member of a young family, addressing the inadequacies of the current layout, which lacks level access, features narrow corridors, and tight turning points.

The proposed extension is designed to facilitate smoother circulation within the dwelling, thereby significantly improving the quality of life for the occupants. Utilising a low-lying flat roof minimises the visual impact on neighbouring properties, while strategically placed skylights ensure ample natural light without compromising privacy.

In terms of aesthetics, the extension will seamlessly integrate with the existing structure by employing brick that matches the current facade. Additionally, white render will be utilised from the window head/lintel up to the apex of the roof, effectively concealing any irregularities in the original brickwork resulting from previous modifications. This approach ensures that the proposal blends harmoniously with the surrounding architecture, enhancing the overall elevation of the property.



Existing Dwelling

Furthermore, the proposal includes provisions for level access to the dwelling. This involves resurfacing the driveway to create a subtle ramp leading to the front door. Importantly, this solution caters to the needs of the disabled applicant without compromising parking spaces or introducing visually intrusive elements such as rails and distant ramps.

Overall, this application is an attempt at a thoughtful and practical approach to improving the accessibility and functionality of the existing bungalow, creating a more inclusive and comfortable living environment for the entire family.