

5 St Johns Court, Devizes, SN10 1BU

Design and Access Statement

The entrance to 5 St Johns Court from the street, is through an open-ended external corridor which leads on to a courtyard and the main entrance to the house. Above the roof of the corridor on the first floor is a bedroom and small bathroom. Within this corridor is a former doorway, related to the property's earlier use as part of The Liberal Club. When the property was substantially altered and converted to a residential property in the late 1990's, the doorway was filled in with concrete blocks.

As we would propose to reduce the size of the ground floor bedroom at the front of the house, by building a stud wall to create space for an accessible house bathroom facility on the ground floor, there would be space for a lobby leading to the front entrance of the house. This is where the new window will be located. The introduction of light and ventilation from a window inserted into the former doorway would improve both the appearance of the interior and exterior aspects of this part of the building, and have no impact on neighbouring properties.

A hardwood brush sealed double glazed sash window will be customised to closely match the sash windows to the kitchen area beyond the front door. It will be painted white and the remaining blocks below the window opening rendered and painted white to enhance the access to the property, without significant alteration to it, other than to replace an unsightly modification.

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