



Figure 1 (above): Front Door

Figure 1 shows that the kerb is not dropped leading up to the front door and so making it difficult for access for a disabled person if they are dropped off at the front door by the wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) or any other vehicle.



Figure 2 (above): Utility Room Door

Figure 2 allows access to the property via the side door into the house into the Utility Room. This has been designed very poorly by the developer. The kerb is not dropped and furthermore there are 2 steps leading up to the door. There are also no support rails.



Figure 3 (above): Back garden access – not level



Figure 3a: My red wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) shown stopping in front of the driveway

The third access point at the back of the house, the wooden gate is right by the driveway and so there is a dropped kerb which is helpful BUT unfortunately as Figure 3 shows the access is not level to the entrance to the house as there are 3 steps to navigate – again making it impossible for a disabled person to navigate. Figure 3a shows my WAV (vehicle reg GX55 EHW) stopped opposite my dropped kerb in front of the driveway at the rear of the house but unfortunately due to back garden steps location is not ideal for a disabled person.

The other problem with the parking is that other residents are parking on the kerb and so the space on the pavement is halved and this could make the pavement impossible to pass through if one was dropped off by the driveway and then expected to navigate to the front door. Please see an example of the parking next to my driveway to illustrate this (figure 4 below) – on school days this is worse with big cars e.g. Range Rovers blocking virtually all of the pavement. Furthermore, poor parking notwithstanding the distance from the driveway to the front door is too great and unreasonable for a disabled person of 82 years to navigate and hazardous and is also inclined especially if there is inclement weather – particularly snow and ice.



Figure 4 (above): Vehicle parking on the kerb and occupying more than 50% of the pavement. Red wheelchair accessible vehicle is my one and is not parked there ordinarily.

As proof of my mother's disability please see Figures 5 and 5a which are the front and back of my mother's disabled blue badge issued by our current Local Authority – London Borough of Haringey.



Figure 5 (above): Disabled blue badge (front)

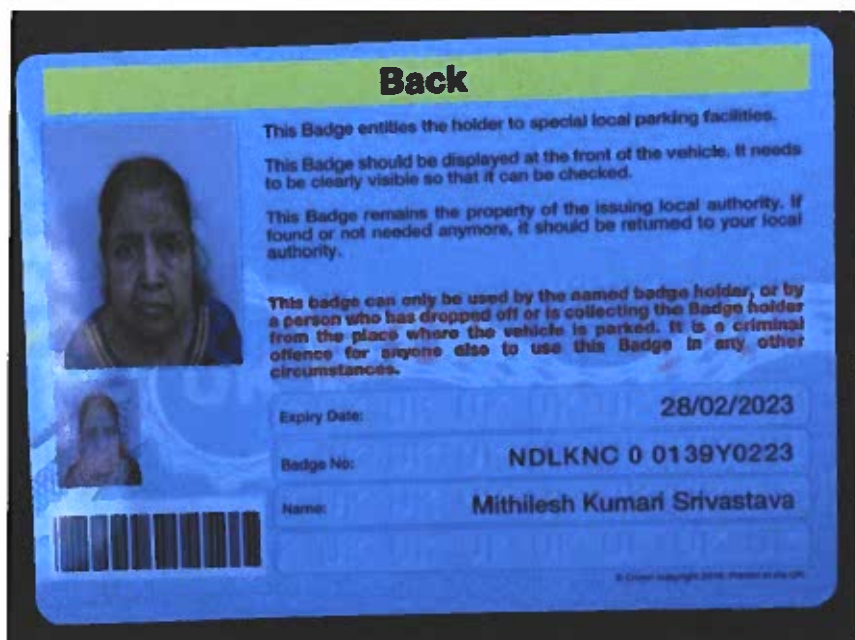


Figure 5a (above): Disabled blue badge (back)

I hope I have demonstrated the genuine difficulty we are currently facing that has thus far prevented my mother and I from moving into our brand new house. It is for this reason that we are making a planning application to create the much needed parking space at the front of the house along with a dropped kerb(which i don't believe requires planning permission for this class of road). As we need to provide an onsite car parking space as close to the front entrance as possible this has provided the opportunity to convert the garage to ancillary garden accommodation.

We are being supported by Mark Smith – Architect in our planning application and all follow-ups are to be kindly made with him.

I thank you in advance for considering our planning application with great sensitivity and seeing the very human side necessitating this application.

Yours faithfully,

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