Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0914/26 **Recommendation: – APPROVE**

Site: **62 South Farm Road Gaisford Worthing West Sussex**

Proposal: **Relocation of access steps and installation of platform lift and railings.**

Date of Site Visit: 12/08/2026

Neighbours Checked: Y

Additional Neighbours Notified: N

Site and Surroundings
The application site lies on the eastern side of South Farm Road on the corner with Centrecourt Road. To the south of the building is the current access off Centrecourt Road. There is currently only access via the steps onto the site. The property is set above the street with the site having a raised front and side garden.

The site is not located within a conservation area nor is the building listed.

Proposal
The application relates to the introduction of a platform lift and steps to the west of their current location on the southern side of the site. There will be a raised platform to provide access to the house.

Relevant Planning History:
None

Consultations
None

Neighbour Representations
None

Relevant Planning Policies:
Worthing Local Plan policies (WBC 2023): SP1, DM5
National Planning Policy Framework (MHCLG 2026)
National Planning Practice Guidance
SPG ‘Extending or Altering Your Home’ (WBC)

Planning Assessment:
There is no objection in principle to extensions and alterations to residential dwellings within the built-up area. The key considerations are the effects on the visual and residential amenities of the locality.

Visual Amenity

The proposed lift would be visible from the road due to its location at the side of the building but would be set back and close to the building. Although visible, the development would not appear out of character with the domestic use and appearance of the dwelling or appear dominant or intrusive in the street scene.

The proposal is of standard form, design and materials for this type of development and is required to facilitate wheelchair access to the property. The proposed lift is considered to be a necessary addition to the property and would not have any significant adverse impact on the appearance of the property, the character of the street scene or the visual amenities of the locality.

Residential Amenity
The proposal would significantly benefit the occupant of No. 62 providing disabled access to their property. The addition of a platform lift and handrails in this position would not have any detrimental impact on the residential amenities of adjacent occupiers.

Recommendation:

APPROVE subject to condition(s):-

1. Drawing Numbers
2. Standard time limit

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The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? N

Case Officer: Finlay Gardner Date: 01/10/2026

Authorised by: Louise Prew Date: 01/10/2026