

**Section 73 application to amend the plans for application R3.0005/12 for erection of extension at Bury Knowle to provide wheelchair access to rear of Library building ref R3.0075/13**

The Committee of the Friends of Old Headington would like to submit the following comment on this revised planning application to put in a lift suitable for mobility-impaired people at Bury Knowle Library:

Access for users of wheelchairs is a very welcome addition to this popular community resource.

We strongly support the proposal in principle, but are concerned that the elevations only show computer-drawn blocks of building with computer-drawn textures. The materials and detailing are crucial factors in deciding whether the proposal is appropriate to the conservation area in which it sits, and to the listed building to which it is attached. It would be helpful to be able to consider that at this stage.

This is particularly important in view of the fact that the lift is sited in full view of the approach from North Place. We recommend that all materials and design details should be assessed by conservation officers and approved in writing as being consonant with the requirements of buildings within the Old Headington conservation area.

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