

Design Statement

Broom Cottage, Preston



The existing detached property is located along Higher Road in Longridge, Preston. The bungalow is externally finished in white render with sandstone used for the base plinth, with a slate roof and timber framed windows. As you move around the property there are multiple changes in level with various outbuildings and courtyard spaces, to the rear there is a lawned garden that opens onto a field with views out to the nearby reservoir.

Brief

The brief for the project is to adapt and extend the existing house to provide accessible living accommodation for our client who is disabled. Requirements beyond the existing accommodation of the house include level access to and from the property, specialist bathroom, lift to first floor, carer accommodation and improvements to the accessibility throughout the property. In addition to this, further bedrooms and living accommodation is required for the rest of the family.

Elevation Alterations

The existing front door is to the side and requires multiple steps to gain entry. To rectify this a new entrance has been proposed on the front elevation, with the driveway being re-laid to allow level access into the property. A rooflight has been introduced to bring light into the lobby and circulation space. Two ramps have been introduced in other areas to provide level access in and out of the building. The first giving access directly to and from the client's bedroom, with the second providing access between the family living space to the new patio area.

To increase the accessibility around the main family living space we have introduced an extension to the rear of the property, taking the place of the existing porch, with a simple material palette reflecting that of the existing property. The primary wall finish is white render, with a mid-grey render being used as it reaches the soffit to complement with the slate tiles of the main roof. Sandstone has been used to break up the elevation and create interest.

Front and rear dormers have been introduced to provide additional bedrooms within the roof space. The dormers sit below the existing ridge height and are to be clad in zinc, to ensure that complement and don't overpower the existing roof.