



## Planning Application

23/P/1133/LBC

Listed building application for the installation of 2no. 13 person lifts and associated lift equipment rooms, cantilevered passenger canopies, reconfiguration of staff and public WC and new stairs and ramps to both Platforms 1 & 2. Proposed demolition of eastern external relief stairs on Platform 1, partial demolition of the internal stairs and intermediate landing. Partial demolition of northern external relief stairs and of the internal stairs and intermediate landing on Platform 2 to provide a step free access around the station.

at

Weston-super-Mare Railway Station, Station Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1XY

The Civic Society fully endorses the principal of improved passenger access by installing lifts at the town's railway station. The station is a prominent building, especially when viewed from Hildesheim Bridge and it needs a careful design to avoid harming the character and appearance of the station.

The concept of a modern design is appealing. The zinc cladding could be considered sympathetic colour wise with the stonework of the adjacent building and the off white ceramic cladding would break up the mass of zinc when viewed from the bridge. However, this design does not work when viewed in all directions.

It is not in keeping with the listed building and resembles an add-on warehouse storage facility.



The Society believes the new lift structure should appear separate from the existing stone. The favoured option would be to use a glazed external lift. The clear glass often works well when used as an extension to historic buildings. It would reduce the bulk of the shafts and distinguish the modern development from the original building.

The Society believes the application in its current form should be refused.

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