

**Design and Access Statement in Support of the Planning Application for  
Proposed Extension and Alterations to**

**Buxton Museum and Art Gallery**

**Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire. SK17 6DA**

**February 2016**

**For and on behalf of**



## The Site and Building

The Buxton Museum and Art Gallery is located at Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire. The museum opens every day except Mondays. Admission is free. The building was erected in 1880 and originally served as the Peak Hydropathic Hotel. During the First World War, the Red Cross used it to care for wounded Canadian soldiers. The Buxton Free Public Library & Museum moved into the building in 1928, leaving the Town Hall.

## Proposals

The purpose of the proposals are to provide a freestanding Passenger Lift Shaft at just over two storeys in height, relative to the museum building, and featuring a simple flat roof with regular coursed Ashlar blocks to the external walls and PPC Aluminium doors & windows / infill panels to the Lift Lobby area.

Also, the removal of the existing redundant external steel fire escape and building up existing door openings in materials to match existing.

Internal works briefly include the following:

- Refurbishments to existing ground floor Kitchenette
- Alterations to existing first floor toilet accommodation to provide disabled wc, 3no Unisex Toilets including one with baby change and new Cleaners store.
- Existing chairlift removed and replaced by new passenger lift for improved access to floors
- Form new opening in existing second floor party wall with 'Hardwick Hall' and provide and fix new fire escape doorset and lintels over.



Figure 1.0 Proposed Elevation to Lift Shaft

**Access**

The existing main entrance into the building is provided off Terrace Road with a separate ramped disabled access.

There are facilities for people with disabilities including toilets and ramps.

**Lighting**

External lighting will be extended to suit the proposals whilst new internal lighting will be provided to the new areas in accordance with the proposed electrical layout.

**Car Parking**

Existing on-site car parking facilities are unaffected.

There is free short-term (40 minutes) parking on the road outside the museum. The Slopes and the Market Place pay-and-display car parks are a few minutes' walk from the museum.

**Decoration**

To be carried out in accordance with an agreed colour scheme.

**Floor coverings**

All affected floor finishes are to be replaced as necessary using similar finishes in a suitable colour to compliment the agreed decoration colour scheme.