

Tameside & Glossop Primary Care Trust Access Statement at Planning Administration Block Proposed Fire Escape Staircase

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The Site

Administration Block, Shire Hill Hospital, Bute Street, Glossop SK13
All land owned by the Applicant, Area to be developed is 18m2
Covered extension to accommodate fire escape staircase to replace existing external cast iron escape staircase

The Proposal:

Small extension to the administration block to replace existing external fire escape stair with new covered fire escape staircase and exit

The footprint of the new stair case is approximately 18m2

ACCESS STATEMENT

The Administration Block is an existing two storey development which was formerly a workhouse. The Ground Floor is used for the Treatment of Patients visiting the site, There are currently Two Public entrances one of which is fitted with automatically opening doors to allow wheelchair Access.

The first Floor is used exclusively by Staff as an Administrative Base. There are currently two internal staircases and an existing external metal staircase.

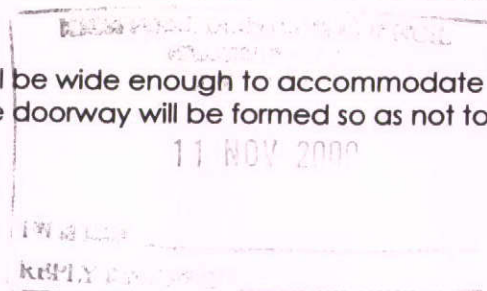
The existing external metal staircase provides poor access and egress due to the staircase having a very steep rake and being quite narrow.

At present in order to use the existing fire exit from the internal corridor there are two steps up to the Threshold of the fire escape door onto a metal landing.

It would be very difficult to use an EVAC chair as a method of removing a person with mobility problems from the first floor to the ground safely in an emergency due to the unsuitability of the existing staircase.

It is proposed to construct a new staircase which conforms to Part K of the Building Regulations which is wide enough to allow an EVAC Chair to be used, has a landing and is protected from the elements with a new extension to enclose the existing Staircase.

At Ground Floor Level the Fire exit door shall be wide enough to accommodate wheelchair Access. The area out side of the doorway will be formed so as not to any major inclines.



A More detailed Access statement at Design will be submitted as part of a Building Regulation Submission.

It is proposed that the detail design of the proposed works will address the following

Specification of the hard and soft landscaping around the new extension

Width/Gradients of the Footways from the exit

External lighting

The elements of internal finish

The detailed design of the staircase

The design detailed of the doors

Signage and Way finding.