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BARNSLEY HOSPICE IPU ALTERATIONS & EXTENSION

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT including TREE STATEMENT

Barnsley Hospice are seeking to improve the existing In-Patient facilities by providing a dedicated In-Patient Lounge/dining area with level, secure and private access to garden areas and additional treatment rooms to provide much needed improved patient facilities, together with improvements to the patient/ambulance transfer by providing a glazed canopy to offer protection against the elements.

Two areas have been identified for the improvements; the infilling of an internal courtyard area currently occupied by an underutilised conservatory that provides limited use and an extension to the front of the existing IPU entrance area to provide a new, private, dedicated Patient Lounge with private level access garden area, exclusively for the In-Patient and relatives use.

Enlargement of the existing drugs room and reconfiguration of the adjacent nurse base is also desired as the current drugs room is too small. Consideration has also been given to providing a glazed canopy at the main entrance to provide protection against the weather for ambulance transfers and drop off facility.

The existing underutilized Dearne Patient/Relative room will be removed to create the opportunity to extend the Spiritual room which is currently rather cramped.

All existing access arrangements will be maintained (existing disabled parking spaces, level access and automatic sliding doors to main reception) with improved access to the new patient lounge being provided by a new internal automatic sliding door. Existing adjacent disabled toilet accommodation will remain unaltered. All corridor widths are maintained at least as wide as existing giving ample space for wheelchair traffic and door opening widths will be provided in accordance with current building regulation guidelines for disabled access.

New external windows and rooflights are proposed to improve natural daylighting in the lounge area and treatment rooms.

The proposed lounge/dining area will be a single storey extension as a continuation of the existing building and open to and accessed directly from main corridor within the In-Patient Unit providing essential additional space. The lounge will link with a new enclosed garden area to give much needed privacy for in-patients and relatives via full height sliding folding glass doors to invite people into the garden on fine days. These doors will have level thresholds for ease of use by people with walking difficulties or people in wheelchairs. The extension is designed to remain in keeping with the remainder of the Hospice with minimal visual impact on the existing building frontage.

A new glazed Ambulance canopy is included on the front elevation to provide much needed cover against the weather for patient transfers. Its design has a curved appearance which will sit neatly sub-ordinate between the existing apex roof of the existing building and new extension.

All details such as window sizes, head and cill details, brickwork type and roofing materials will be designed and chosen to match as closely as possible to the existing building where possible, subject to design constraints to achieve a finished structure which complements and sits comfortably within the existing complex.

Tree/Arboricultural Survey

We do not feel the need exists for a tree/arboricultural survey. Although there are some small trees and bushes on site, these are mainly limited to the site boundaries. All proposed works are contained close to, or within the existing building which has currently a mixture of hard-landscaping and some minor shrubs species in borders.

None of the existing trees and bushes outside the area of our works will be affected.