The Salvation Army Wombwell

Design and Access Statement

For Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council - Planning and Transport Service.

1) **Planning Application Type:** Full

2) **Location:** The Salvation Army Church and Community Hall,
21, Park Street, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 0HQ.

3) **Description of proposed development:** Single Storey Store Room Extension , Internal Alterations and Forming New Window Opening to Front Elevation General Purpose Room.

4) **Date of preparation:** 30th August 2010

5) **Applicant:** The Salvation Army Trustee Company

6) **Agent:** —

7) **Assessing the context of the site:** The Salvation Army have had a presence in on this site for over 20 years, and in the Wombwell area since before the Second World War, providing both Christian fellowship and community facilities and social support to the Wombwell wider community.

In addition to Christian worship and fellowship services and meetings, the Salvation Army provides a community programme as follows: -

- Parent and toddler group
- Parenting support group
- Charity Shop
- Children's activities
- Sunday School
- Youth Groups/Club
- Over 60's Club
- Luncheon Clubs
- Drop-In Facilities (refreshments, light snacks, advisory service, listening and befriending
- support)
- Pastoral Support (family crisis, bereavement support, funeral support, child dedications,
- marriage preparation)
- Other visiting community services i.e. Blood Donor Service.
- Basic Life Skills – numeracy, literacy, computers, cooking etc.

8) **Design principles and concepts applied to the proposal:**

Amount and use of the development: The amount and use of the building will remain unchanged and will be open to everyone in the community irrespective of age, gender, colour, race, beliefs or disabilities.

Layout: The layout of the building remains unchanged.

Scale: The scale of the building remains unchanged.

Landscaping: Not applicable.

Appearance: The exterior of the building is to be clad with timber cedar boarding to give a softer and more natural appearance to the proposed store room extension. The new window to the front elevation provides a more modern contemporary feel to the existing bland front façade of the main road frontage of the building.

9) **Philosophy and approach to creating an accessible development:**

It is the stated aim of the Salvation Army to reach out to everyone in their local community and provide care and services to meet people's needs. Such care is available to all, irrespective of age, gender, colour, race, beliefs or disability.

It would be a contradiction in terms for the Salvation Army to deliberately discriminate against a particular section of society. Its policy is 'access for all'.

The Salvation Army will ensure that disabled people are included in all its programmes and activities and will regularly confer with disabled people and access groups. The Salvation Army is very willing to take on board advice which may be available, which seeks to improve accessibility of its premises and its programmes.

The Salvation Army will ensure that disabled people are made aware of their policy of inclusion and what facilities and activities are available at this centre.

There will be adequate training of Salvation Army Corps membership to ensure a correct attitude to:

- The inclusion of any people with disability, not just those in wheelchairs
- The place and role of disabled people in the congregation
- The type of language used when discussing disability
- The ministry of healing
- The needs of carers in the congregation
- The attitudes towards people with mental health needs

10) **Key access issues of the design including the nature and impact of any constraints:**

a) Position and orientation

The proposed store room extension is to the rear of the site to make new structure a low key as possible and also it is located in the most serviceable location for the various church and community groups that use the building.

b) Approach – not applicable to remain unchanged

c) Routes - not applicable

d) Car parking at new development – not applicable.

e) Car parking at existing development – not applicable, to remain unchanged.

f) Drop off points – not applicable

g) Entrances in new development – not applicable

h) Entrances to existing buildings – To be maintained – *see items i) and k) below.*

i) Ramped access
The existing ramped access via the main entrance can be used by persons of all abilities to access the church, community and charity shop facilities and is compliant with the Building Regulation 2000 Approved Doc.M 2004 edition.
The side entrance/exit off the Worship Hall is to be improved (widened), and the ramp access improved to comply with Building Regulation 2000 Approved Doc.2004 edition.

j) Stepped access - not applicable

k) Shops and other buildings open to the public
The existing building already provides existing level access into the building (via ramped approaches) compliant with the Building Regulation 2000 Approved Doc.M 2004 edition. As previously mentioned in item i) the side/exit entrance is to be improved and compliant with current Building Regulation Approved Doc.2004.edition.

l) **Buildings of historic or architectural importance** – not applicable

m) **Change of use** – not applicable

n) **Urban and rural landscapes** – not applicable

o) **Sports, recreation & leisure facilities** – not applicable

p) **New residential development** – not applicable

q) Signs
Signage denoting accessible routes and entrances externally are to be provided. Where possible, signs to be based on symbols rather than words and to have non reflective surfaces and be adequately illuminated.

r) **Additional Storeys** - not applicable

s) **ATM's** – not applicable

t) **Street furniture** - not applicable

11) **Vehicular and Transport Links**
The prospective users will be able to access the development from the public bus networks and private transport.
Emergency services can access the site from Park Street on to the car park.

12) **Commitment to maintaining a relevant Design & Access Statement**

The Salvation Army's policy is to have access audits and statements on all its properties throughout Britain, with property action plans to ensure the requirements and any compliance issues raised in these documents are met. Access statements are regularly updated as part of the Salvation Army's Property Department's standard procedures.

13) **Design Statements and Guidance followed to prepare the Design and Access Statement.**

Building Regulations 2000 Approved Document M 2004 Edition.
British Standard BS8300:2001.