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design and access statement

Project: Sheffield Childrens Hospital
Proposed Patient Retrieval Station – Unit 7, Capitol Close, Capitol Business Park, Dodworth, Barnsley

Job No: 3169

Design and Access Statement for fit-out of recently constructed vacant unit to create Patient Retrieval Station including secure internal parking for 4No Ambulances, Call Centre and Training Facility.

1. Introduction

The Design and Access Statement (DAS) accompanies an application for the alteration and fit out of a recently constructed unit. The DAS has been written to meet requirements of Article 4C of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (as amended).

The unit is part of a recently constructed Business Park which has been identified as appropriate for use as a Patient Retrieval Station for The Sheffield Childrens Hospital.

The proposal which is submitted in detail seeks planning permission for the alteration of the external appearance of the unit by incorporating 2No new shutter doors, replacement of windows with look-a-like blank panels and relocation of the bin store.

1a. Site Assessment

The site is located within Capitol Business Park just off Junction 37 of the M1 at Dodworth
The site is bounded by the M1 motorway to the East boundary.

2. Use

The proposal is to provide a suitable base for a small Call Centre and on site training/seminar facility for staff which also has area for secure parking for 4No ambulances. A new enclosed platform lift will be installed as part of this application to allow disabled wheelchair access to the first floor. The existing staircase provided by the landlord has been designed as an ambulant stair. All existing toilet and disabled toilet provision remain unaltered.

3. Layout

The site layout is generally unaltered with a minor increase to the vehicle access ramp due to additional and larger doors being installed. The increased ramp width means the existing bin store is to be relocated to the side of Unit 7 and formed in a timber enclosure.

4. Scale

No change to the scale of the building is to be made.

5. Landscaping

No soft landscaping exists in this area and with the exception of the increased vehicle access ramp width and extension of the footpath to the relocated Bin Store no other surfacing alterations are to be undertaken.

6. Appearance

No change to the existing appearance of the building other than a larger shutter door together with an additional shutter door and personnel door which are to be finished in the same colour as the existing shutter door being replaced (Metallic Silver RAL9006). Some windows will have obscure film added.

7. Access

The site access will not be altered.

8. Car Parking

Car Parking is to remain unaltered.