
Trinity Academy Barnsley
Proposed New Temporary Accommodation

9 Eastgate, Barnsley, S70 2EX

Design and Access Statement
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1.0 Introduction

This Design & Access statement has been prepared on behalf of Trinity Academy in support of a full Planning Application submitted to Barnsley Council to erect three single-storey modular buildings on an existing site adjacent to their Eastgate site, together with external secure fencing.

The new building is to be located adjacent to their site at 9 Eastgate, Barnsley, S70 2EX



1.1 Background

Trinity Multi-Academy Trust operates several school premises throughout the Yorkshire region. Their site at Trinity Academy St Edwards is currently operating from a temporary site on Eastgate in the centre of Barnsley, whilst a new purpose-built Academy is being constructed on the SW outskirts of the town, due for completion in 2024.

The Eastgate site is due to receive an increase in pupils for the 2023 academic year, so a new 3-storey temporary modular teaching building is proposed on a site adjacent to their Eastgate site.

The temporary building is to be removed once the new school building is complete and the site returned to its existing use as a car park.

2.0 The Application

The proposal is to construct a modular-built single storey scheme comprising 7 classrooms.

This will include a secure fence line and access to the adjacent Eastgate site. The existing car park to the North will also have a perimeter fence installed and be designated as external play area.

2.1 Site Description

The site for the proposal is the school site itself plus an existing public car-park operated by Barnsley Council.

Land uses surrounding the site are summarised as follows:

- North Commercial 'DMC 02' building
- East Commercial 'DMC 01' building
- South Commercial offices
- West Low-rise office buildings situated on Eastgate

2.2 Environmental Assessment

A separate Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has been completed and accompanies this application. The site is of limited ecological value as discussed further in the PEA.

2.3 Historical Lane Use

Historical information is included in the Coal Authority Report and Phase 1 Site Investigation accompanying this application.

2.4 Site Photos



3.0 Design

The building has been located in close proximity to the existing Eastgate site.

It comprises three single-storey modular blocks in grey cladding.

The modular nature of the construction makes it clear this is a temporary scheme.

Internally the buildings comprise a large double D&T classroom and a further 6 standard classrooms, plus ancillary staff welfare area.

4.0 Access

4.1 Vehicular Access & Transport Links

Vehicular access to the site will be via the existing site off Eastgate. The new building will sit within a secure fence line adjoined to the Eastgate site.

The construction of the new buildings will result in a net loss of 24no public parking spaces, to be reinstated when the building is removed.

A further 49 school parking spaces will be lost from the car park to the North, which will become play area.

There will be no other alterations to the hard standing areas to facilitate easy future reinstatement of the car park.

4.2 Inclusive Access

The building will be Part M compliant to the current building regulations standard, with the design details in this DAS showing how the applicant intends to meet their duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Level access will be afforded from the existing Eastgate site. The building itself will have level ramped into the D&T classroom, and stepped access elsewhere.

It is envisaged that the school itself will timetable pupils with Special Education Needs including Disabilities (SEND) such that their lessons take place in accessible teaching spaces within the main Eastgate site and the D&T teaching space in this proposal. An Accessible WC is provided to accommodate any staff or pupils with disabilities.

4.3 Approach

There will be no alterations to the existing external approaches to the building. All levels internally will be coordinated to have no slopes or steps.

4.4 Circulation

All internal circulation routes will be appropriate for ambulant or disabled staff, designed to achieve minimum clear widths of unobstructed openings to comply with Building Regulations Parts M and K.

4.5 Doors & Openings

All door widths and openings are to meet the minimum requirements of Approved Document M and BS8300 for clear openings, type and height of handles, vision panels, door closers etc.

4.6 Switches and Equipment

Any new switches, outlets and controls will have ease of operation, visibility, height, and freedom from obstruction and be designed to meet the requirements of the Building Regulation Approved Document Part M.

4.7 Access to Services

Services such as DDA compliant accessible/ useable toilet are included in the design. The wider site has DDA compliant welfare facilities for SEND pupils.

5.0 References

Main design references used include:

- The Approved Document Part M BS8300:2001.
- Designing for Accessibility- Centre for Accessible Environments.
- Planning and Access for Disabled People- A Good Practice Guide.
- Amendment to BS8300 and Technical Memorandum to Doc M.

The building will incorporate the relevant requirements of the DDA legislation, including the occupier's requirements and policy where known.

Access issues have/ and will be considered as part of the Planning and Building Regulation procedures for the development.

This statement has been prepared to identify those issues directly related to this proposal. Any 'fit out' and/or future alteration works that may be required by the occupier are to be in accordance with Planning and Building Regulations, and with due respect to the requirements of this Access Statement.