Design, Access & Statement

Site Address: Ardsley House Hotel, Doncaster Rd, Barnsley, S71 5EH.

Existing Site:

The best Western Ardsley House Hotel is the former home of one of South Yorkshire's most prominent families – the Micklethwaites, associated with Yorkshire for over six centuries. In contrast to many Barnsley hotels, Ardsley House was built in the late 18th century, now greatly extended and modernised the hotel provides accommodation, conferencing and banqueting as well as leisure facilities.

Located approximately 2 miles to the East of Barnsley town centre and only 15 minutes drive from the M1 motorway, there are plenty of free customer parking spaces and with its close proximity to the town centre has a regular bus service which stops directly outside the entrance to the hotel.

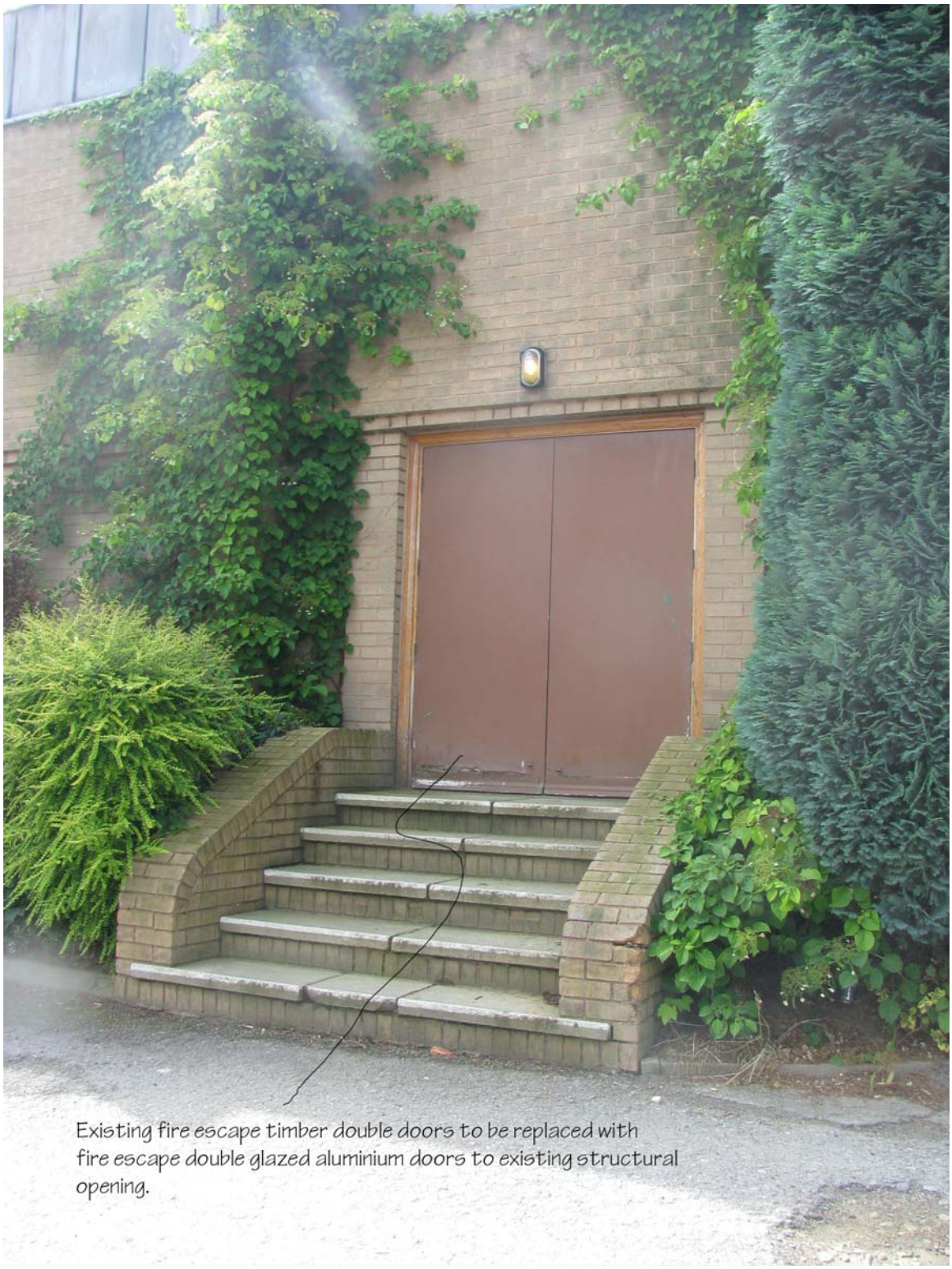
This application relates to the Fitzwilliam Suite which is the largest of the banqueting rooms holding up to 300 guests. Existing access is via the main entrance from the car park and through the main reception area.

Proposed Design:

The proposals for which this planning application relates involves the replacing of two existing timber fire escape double doors with new aluminium frame and glazed double fire escape doors within the Fitzwilliam Suite. Also we propose to replace a double set of large timber and metal clad doors with new windows. The reason for the proposals is to provide natural day light to the Fitzwilliam Suite when there are day time conferencing.

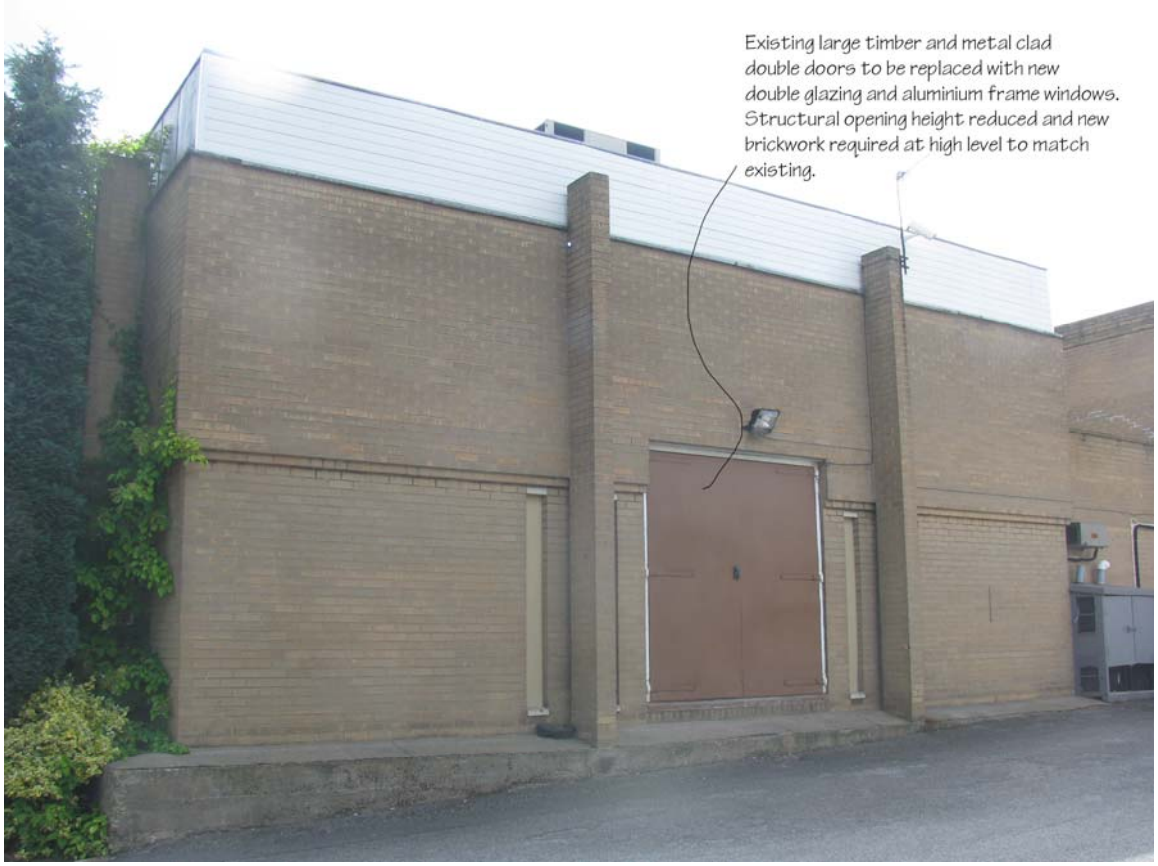


Importantly the two fire escapes will be maintained as fire escape routes. The new doors will have escape ironmongery including push release bars. New doors will match the dimensions of the existing removed doors to suit the existing structural openings.



The materials of the new double escape doors will be aluminium frame, powder coated in a colour to match adjacent framework and panelling. Glazing sections to be double glazed again to match adjacent windows.

All existing planting around the site is to be retained as existing.



New window specification where existing large timber and metal clad doors taken out are to be as per new glazed doors. Aluminium frame powder coated to match existing adjacent frames and double glazing. Structural opening height reduced to suit existing external brick border detail. New brickwork to match existing with golden/yellow colour brickwork laid in a running bond fashion.

When designing the new windows and doors, consideration was taken as to the immediate surrounding contemporary buildings rather than the 18th century manor house which is now encased by the more modern extensions.

With regards access, no changes are being proposed that will affect the existing access and circulation.