

Design and Access Statement

Euston fire station, 172 Euston Road NW1 2DH
Reconfiguration of firefighter accommodation on ground, first & second floors

Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared in support of London Fire Brigade's application for Listed Building Consent for the above proposal.

Design

As part of its Privacy for All policy, London Fire Brigade is proactively moving away from communal facilities within its stations, intended for either male or female occupancy, towards individual resting and changing rooms that can be allocated for use by firefighters on a gender-neutral basis. On the same basis, communal toilet and shower areas are being replaced with single occupancy facilities.

At Euston fire station, the configuration of some of the existing dormitory rooms does not support the operational requirement to provide suitable gender-neutral resting and changing rooms for each firefighter whilst on duty.

The existing spaces on the ground floor of Euston fire station include an accessible toilet which is currently of insufficient size for its intended purpose. During open days at the fire station, this facility would be available to the public. The proposed works comprise increasing the size of the room by incorporating the adjacent cupboard.

The existing spaces on the first and second floors include shared dormitory and locker rooms, which are used by operational firefighters whilst on duty, and the proposal involves subdividing these rooms into single occupancy dorms. The existing communal toilets and showers are to be reconfigured as single occupancy wc/shower rooms.

The proposed new partition walls will have a painted plasterboard finish to match the wall finishes of the original building. Other details such as doors, skirtings and architraves will be to match existing.

Access

There will no change to the existing access arrangements from the ground floor up to the first and second floors, which is by means of a single main staircase, with emergency fire escape staircase to the rear of the premises. Access to the ground floor is via one door off the street and another door off the appliance bay. The accommodation is intended only for the use of firefighters whilst on active duty, who are virtually by definition physically capable of using the main staircase without any issues arising. The corridors and doorways are to be of standard size construction and will allow for unimpeded access to and from the accommodation.

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