

## **Design and Access Statement**

West Hampstead fire station, 325 West End Lane, London NW6 1RR  
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 West Hampstead 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 West Hampstead fire station include a designated male toilet area which it is proposed to reconfigure as two gender-neutral toilets with separate access doors. During open days at the fire station, these facilities would be available to the public.

The existing spaces on the first floor include a shared dormitory and locker room, which is used by operational firefighters whilst on duty, and the proposal involves subdividing this room to form a single occupancy dorm with a corridor to provide access to the single occupancy dorm beyond. It is also proposed to form a separate access to the adjacent IT room.

On the second floor it is proposed to repurpose an existing store room as a single occupancy dorm, including moving the entrance door to a reinstated former doorway. Towards the front of the building, it is proposed to repurpose two existing offices as two single occupancy dorms, including forming an access doorway to provide a new, separate access route to one of them.

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. Access to the ground floor is via one door off the rear yard 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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