

# DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT



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## CHANGING PLACES TOILETS GROUND FLOOR SWISS COTTAGE LIBRARY LONDON W1U 3HX

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This statement is submitted in support of the proposed internal alterations to the ground floor interview room at Swiss Cottage Library. It is to be read in conjunction with the drawings and other documents submitted to Camden Council as part of our request for Listed Building Consent.

Swiss Cottage Library comprises three stories plus basement and sub basement. It is solely occupied by the library. This application is only concerned with a single room on the West side adjacent to the A41. The interview room abuts the men's toilets to the South.

There are no fittings within the interview room and finishes are simple.

The design proposals are intended to create a Changing Places specialist toilet as part of the Changing Places programme. This will involve widening the entrance door to provide 1000mm clear opening together with installation of specialist fixtures and fittings.

## **2.0 PROPOSAL**

Swiss Cottage Library was constructed in 1964 to a design by Sir Basil Spence and is listed Grade II. It is still fully occupied and used as a library. It appears to have been little altered since construction.

Changing Places Toilets (CPT) is a national scheme that has been running for the last decade or so to provide larger accessible toilets in public buildings, with space for a hoist and changing bench in addition to the usual accessible fittings.

A ground floor interview room has been chosen in the library adjacent to existing male and female toilets as shown on the plans accompanying this application. This is a bare room with simple finishes and no fixtures apart from services.

Conversion to Changing Places use will involve the following works:

- Widening of the room entrance door opening and provision of a new matching hardwood doorset with a clear opening of 1000mm. This will match the door to the existing DDA WC in flush hardwood with a fixed head panel and matching frame, satin varnished throughout.
- Removal of hardwood perimeter skirting.
- Application of white glazed 150 x 150mm tiling to all walls floor to ceiling height with contrasting navy blue dado height border.
- Removal of large format vinyl flooring, removal of screed in the area of the changing bench and relaying to falls to a floor drain beneath to allow use of a shower. Laying new sheet vinyl safety flooring to the room area turned up to perimeter skirting abutments to form a "wet" floor. Colour to client's choice but probably a mid blue.
- Installation of washbasin, toilet. Wall mounted privacy screen and folding bench. Wall mounted handrails and ancillary fittings such as soap dispenser, hand drier etc. all as shown on proposed drawing 41382-TD-0003.
- Provision of ceiling/wall mounted powered hoist as shown on drawing 41382-TD-0003.

- Waste, water and electrical alterations and adaptations as necessary, to include lighting.
- Provision of a ceiling mounted roller blind to the window on the external wall for user privacy.
- Making good and redecoration to ceiling and all surfaces where disturbed. much of the original historic fabric as possible to ensure a sympathetic approach.

### **3.0 SCALE**

All the proposed works take place within the interview room, the curtilage of which will remain unaltered.

### **4.0 ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING**

Alterations to the existing are as described in section 2.0 above.

### **5.0 ACCESS**

Access to the library is via the main public entrance at the North end. A corridor then leads from the foyer past the interview room/proposed CP toilet. This is public access space. No changes are proposed.

### **6.0 SUMMARY**

The proposals that are set out here and as shown on the accompanying drawings, are to convert a ground floor interview room into a Changing Places Toilet as part of a national scheme to provide specialist accessible toilet facilities in public access buildings.

The impact of the proposed works on the original fabric is limited to the interview room.