Introduction



Figure 6: Viewing Platform in use at its present site

Figure 5 (Opposite): Aerial view of the 'heritage buildings' within the Eastern Goods Yard' area of the King's Cross development

This Design & Access Statement explains the design principles and concepts which underpin the design of the proposed temporary Viewing Platform.

The platform was originally designed to create a suitable vantage point to view and appreciate the "Across the Buildings" installation by Felice Varini.

The current location of the Viewing Platform was chosen with thought to a suitable location on the KXC site which would accommodate a structure of this size without encroaching on access and egress for pedestrians using the King's Boulevard and Goods Way. The new proposed location is similarly sized and positioned such that it allows pedestrians free movement around the structure. The Applicant has also been mindful of accessibility of the structure in terms of public transport and the benefits that proximity to King's Cross and St Pancras stations provide, given that they are both very well served in terms of transport infrastructure.

The platform will remain a temporary structure and it is anticipated to be in its new location until the summer of 2015. Consequently, this application seeks permission for a period of up to 18 months.

