

**THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
11 ST ANDREW'S PLACE
REGENT'S PARK
LONDON NW1 4**

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

The Royal College of Physicians has identified, through its Risk Assessment procedures, a potential hazard between pedestrians and vehicles on their site, which they want to mitigate. The people at risk are new pedestrian and wheelchair using visitors to the College, who not being familiar with the site, tend to take a shortcut through the car park when approaching the site from the Tube stations in Marylebone Road. Due to poor signage and the openness of the current car park, the route through the car park seems an obvious choice at present, being a direct route to the entrance doors of the College.

This application is for the installation of new railings and vehicular gates to act as a visual deterrent to new visitors. The new railings are offset on plan to give the appearance of the railings being continuous when seen by visitors approaching from the South, whilst still allowing staff and wheelchair users pedestrian access between the College building and the buildings in St Andrew's Place.

The safety of pedestrians visiting the site for the first time will be improved by guiding them, with additional signage, to the proper pedestrian access off the Outer Circle directly in line with the entrance doors to the College, and across an existing demarcated pedestrian crossing through the private car park.

The style of the railings is to match the existing which consist of 70x70mm square steel sections painted in black gloss paint. The vehicular gates are for occasional delivery access to the buildings in St Andrew's Place via the College's private car park.