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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FOR A SINGLE STOREY TIMBER GARDEN OUTBUILDING FOR SOLACE WOMENS AID.

The following design and access statement has been written with the perspective and simplicity of a single storey timber garden outbuilding in mind.

Therefore please accept that the detail will be limited and in some cases repetitive.

Solace Womens Aid is a charity dedicated to female victims of domestic violence.

The Head Office is registered at 136 Royal college Street, Camden, London, NW1 0TA

The facility at 15 Woodchurch Road offers a refuge for Mothers and Children of domestic violence and can house up to 8 single parent families at any one time

The charity has occupied the premises for 10 years plus

The rear garden has always been used for a relaxation area and play ground for the occupants during their stay at the centre which can last up to a year.

There is an existing dilapidated shed in the rear garden measuring 5m x 4.5m (22.5m sq m) which has been on the site for some 15 years.

The shed has been used as a play room and store holding up to 8 persons (parents and children) for this time. It is currently dilapidated, damp and draughty and obviously not fit for its current use but has been a valuable asset to the centre.

It should be noted that no complaints have been made by any of the neighbouring properties with regard to the use of the shed and the centres garden previously.

A replacement single storey timber outbuilding in a summerhouse style within the confines of the property is proposed in order to offer a cost effective and more comfortable facility for the centres users.

An additional 30% increase on current footprint is proposed to enable the centre to give an improved facility for the users.

The consideration of design chosen for its traditional style thus keeping with the character and age of the main property and its surroundings.

Address: 15 Woodchurch Road, west Hampstead, London, NW6 3PS

Location

In the garden at the rear of the property on a site currently occupied by a dilapidated shed.

Proposed use:

The outbuilding incidental to the function and enjoyment of the premises.

Amount:

36.48 sq metres internal floor space and of minimal size and bulk in the surrounding area.

Layout:

Out building at the rear of the property a reasonable distance from the main house.
Practice, safe and generally not overlooked.

Scale:

Minimal bulk, height and density comfortably integrated with the surroundings.

Appropriate scale to those with disabilities.

Height: 3.5m

Length: 10m

Depth: 5.78m

Landscaping:

The outbuilding will be situated in an area of ground surrounded by various natural screening therefore no "landscaping" will be necessary as the development will be discreet.

Appearance:

Brown wood stained timber cladding.

Black roof tiles sympathetic to surrounding area.

Access:

Building on a site easily and safely accessible to all people irrespective of disability age or gender.

It is hoped that this application will be considered favourably as the centre offers an important and necessary asset to the community of Camden.