

**Proposed Interior Fit-Out of existing restaurant shell unit, including new shopfront and external signage at: 174 – 176 Clerkenwell Road, London, EC1.**

**Appendix B. Design and Access Statement:**

The existing property is currently accessed from the public pavement via a short (approx 100mm high), single step at the main entrance door at ground level with existing access provided to the basement via a staircase with half landing. The existing original Victorian shopfront is of significant historical townscape importance and as such the local authority planning department have insisted that the current design is retained. Consequently wheelchair access is extremely difficult as the existing door opening is only 690mm wide, (please refer to Appendix C: existing photographs and Lawrence:King existing drawings). No specialist accessible WC facilities are currently provided within the existing premises.

The new proposals seek to improve accessibility for wheelchairs and ambulant disabled as far as possible given the strict planning conditions prevailing by providing a removable temporary short length of ramp to the threshold of the existing main entrance door in conjunction with the provision of a new accessible WC at ground floor level.

Due to the very small floor area available within the existing property access to the basement will remain as currently provided by the existing staircase. This is deemed reasonable as additional improvements to the basement area are generally unworkable and there is very limited scope for adding a new accessible lift.

The existing staircase, guardings and handrails heights remain unaltered however contrasting stair nosings will be provided to assist the partially sighted.

The entrance door will be fitted with a self closing device that will require a maximum opening force of 20N.

The accessible WC door will have a paint finish that contrasts with the surrounding adjacent walls.

The main Served counter incorporates a small section of lowered countertop to provide adequate provision for wheelchair customers.