

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL – MAIN ENTRANCE REMODELLING
DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

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1.0 Purpose of this Statement

- To help all parties to understand the proposals.
- To give a brief site analysis
- To identify design objectives
- To explain design solutions
- To reference relevant planning policies and guidance.

2.0 History

- 2.1 Planning permission was granted for the external elements of this proposal in September 2001, reference PEX 0100353/R1, case file F8/7/C. This permission expired without a start being made due to a lack of funding. The Trust is still very committed to the scheme which will make significant improvements to the hospital entrances for patients, their carers and staff. The current proposal includes improvements to the building entrance at upper ground floor level. Funding has now been allocated.

3.0 Site Analysis

The main entrance to the hospital is off Pond Street at upper ground floor level with the accident and emergency entrance immediately below. Neither level has a one way traffic route and considerable congestion is evident. There is inadequate parking for the disabled, ambulances and drop off areas. That which there is does not meet current standards.

Traffic at present enters from and exits to Pond Street at both levels. There is a one way exit via Rowland Hill Street.

Pedestrian access is poor, there are few complete protected routes to the entrances, pavements are not continuous and zebra crossings are badly laid out or lacking altogether. Hazards include high kerbs, road islands, low bollards and poor surfaces.

A strip of soft landscape and trees between the Pond Street pavement and the hospitals boundary wall belongs to LB Camden. The large mature plane trees and sycamore were inspected with the authority's tree office in 2001.

4.0 Design Objectives

- To create a one way traffic flow at each level.
- To significantly improve parking for short stay, disabled, drop off, taxis, ambulances, bikes and deliveries.
- To provide clear and complete pedestrian routes.
- To improve accessibility and remove hazards.
- To better separate public vehicles and ambulances.
- To improve signage.
- To improve lighting.
- To protect the trees on the Pond Street frontage.
- To improve entrances.

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