

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY (SHAK)
Change of Use from semi-private washroom



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

The property above is a single storey purpose-built brick building attached to Fielding House on the Alexandra & Ainsworth Estate located on Boundary Road within the London Borough of Camden.

CURRENT USE

Its present use status is as a washroom built originally for the benefit of estate and nearby residents, however due to the trend towards acquisition of domestic washing machines, the washroom facility is no longer in use. In fact, the facility is currently being used as storage for the estate caretakers, and is not currently open to the general public.

PROPOSED USE

This Planning Application is made on behalf of the South Hampstead and Kilburn Community Partnership (SHAK), a community group funded by various organisations including Camden's Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and the Big Lottery, in order to provide the local community with access to training in the areas of computing, job search, cv development as well as lifelong learning. SHAK is presently engaged in discussions with the Housing and Adult Social Care department of the London Borough of Camden to acquire the lease for the disused washroom facility at Fielding House. Specifically SHAK would like, subject to agreement with the LBC and planning permission, to remodel the washroom to provide and run in its place a UK Online Centre which will offer a range of courses, classes and drop-ins, free of charge, to all local (Camden) residents with an emphasis on those living in social housing. Proposed courses include English Spoken as a Second Language, Computer Skills, Web Design, Music Technology, Job Search as well as a new project called Working Opportunities for Women which aims to provide single mothers with the necessary skills to enter the work place.

The proposed new facility will be open from 10am – 4pm (Monday through Friday), with the possibility of running two or three evening classes a week from 6pm – 9pm (Monday through Thursday). The Centre will be open from 10am – 3pm Saturday and closed on Sunday.

ACCESSIBILITY

Although a level approach to the facility already exists, the internal floor level to the washroom building is accessed by means of two steps at the entrance and this, combined with a standard entrance door width, will not be suitable for access by some disabled visitors to the proposed Centre. Therefore, modifications to the entrance would include the addition of an appropriately sized entrance door, ramped approach and handrails to enable disabled visitors to access the facility and in accordance with current Building Regulations guidance.

Internally, the space would be cleared out, the floor made level and suitable for use as an open plan space supported by a new accessible WC, reading area and kitchenette.

REFUSE / RECYCLING

It is not anticipated that the proposed Centre will generate unmanageable quantities of refuse, however provisions do already exist elsewhere on the estate for both refuse removal and recycling and it is the intention of the proposal that the Centre will have access to the existing facilities.

SECURITY SHUTTERS

Internal shutters will be used.

PHOTOGRAPH KEY

- 1 View of existing entrance to Fielding House washroom.
- 2 View showing both entrance and side elevations of washroom.
- 3 View of washroom existing interior.

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