

Design and Accessibility in Accordance with DDA regulations.

Disabled access was never considered in the original design of the corner entryway. As such, the perimeter of the building is constructed within half a metre of the property line. Given this existing condition, it is not possible to construct a proper ramp for disabled access at the main entry since it would overstep the property line of the existing site and impede on pedestrian traffic along the pavements of Gray's Inn Road and Swinton Street.

For those who cannot pass through this doorway, we have designed a secondary entry to Acorn House which provides non-discriminative access in compliance with current DDA regulations. Within these regulations, Objective 2.2 from Section 2, Document M clearly states that "where it is not possible, e.g. in an existing building, for the principal or main staff entrance or entrances to be accessible, as alternative accessible entrance should be provided." In order to work around the given existing condition, we have accommodated for inclusive access through the entry of the main building along Gray's Inn Road. This access point is located within a few metres of the exterior restaurant entry and will be accessible during operating hours for both patrons and staff. As this is the main public reception area for 314-320 Gray's Inn Road, the existing building entrance has already proven to be in accordance with all current access standards as outlined in Section 2 & 3, Document M, of the building control regulations. We have carefully extended these standards off accessibility to the new doorway for Acorn House Restaurant by extending these standards of accessibility to the new interior doorway affording access to the restaurant itself. This design satisfies the stipulations and provisions of Section 2 & 3 by meeting the physical, visual, and auditory requirements of these regulations to afford non-discriminatory access to all patrons of our restaurant.

