

The Hilton London Euston
Upper Woburn Place
London WC1H 0HT



DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This statement has been prepared in support of a planning application for proposed replacement of the main entrance canopy and associated entrance improvements including the improved accessible access to the Hilton London Euston Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0HT. Permission is sought for the following:

- removal and replacement of the existing canopy
- formation of new wheelchair platform lift which includes alterations to the existing metal railings
- removal and replacement of existing entrance doors.

1.2 The following is a list of drawings, which accompany the planning submission:

3915/	060	Proposed & Existing Ground & First Floor Plans
	061	Proposed & Existing Elevations and Sections
	062	Proposed 3D Visuals
	063	Existing Canopy Photographs

2.0 Proposals

- 2.1 The premises since the 1991 refurbishment and extension has traded successfully, however as such become tired and in need of refurbishment. Whilst this work is ongoing, the applicant proposes to take the opportunity to enhance the quality and appeal of the property as a whole, and to increase the number of guest rooms in the Hotel from 150 to a total figure of 164 to meet increasing customer demand. It is to remain as an Hilton branded hotel. As part of this application we would be seeking to replace the existing canopy and to enhance the accessible approach to the Hotel to meet current Part M regulations.
- 2.2 The existing canopy was added to the Hotel during a refurbishment of the Hotel in 1991 and is to be removed as part of this application. This canopy is a solid fully cantilevered structure with a deep fascia which incorporates the 'Hilton London Euston' signage.
- 2.3 The proposals are to create a lighter and less dominant canopy, but which increases the sense of arrival to the newly refurbished hotel. The design can be seen in detail on drawings and visuals as attached to the application. The canopy is predominantly glass supported on steel/aluminium spandrels and curves in plan. The new canopy occupies a plan area approximately 45% less than the existing.

Although signage will be the subject of a separate application it is worth noting that the proposed signage is to be in the form of individual 'Hanging' signage which will promote visibility for guest arrival from both directions of Upper Woburn Place.

- 2.4 The other changes to the existing façade are to remove the existing revolving entrance door, the 2No. side doors. These will be replaced with new aluminium revolving door and side doors.
- 2.5 Currently the Hotel has limited access for wheelchair bound guests. This is to be addressed with the incorporate of a new wheelchair platform lift to the left hand side of the main entrance. The will involve the formation of a new platform at ground level, alterations to the existing metal railings to incorporate a new access gate to match the existing railings.