

Heritage Statement/Design & Access Statement

The Lido complex which was completed in 1938 was planned around a very large pool, approximately 60m x 27m, with changing facilities on either side of a central main entrance to the south, a building to house plant to the east and staff facilities to the west. Facing the main entrance building on the north side of the pool is the café building.

The café building is an integral part of the Lido complex but its use is limited to the peak season, when customer numbers can exceed the current arrangements for access. Outside the summer holiday period its continued operation, is currently not viable, so from mid-September until early May the café is closed. To encourage greater use of the café throughout the year, it is proposed to improve access from the poolside and introduce a new means of access from the Heath to allow non-lido users to access the facility and thereby extend its use beyond the summer peak season.

In order to achieve this increased accessibility, it is proposed to carry out the following alterations:

South/Poolside Elevation.

- Reduce the existing window opening to the west of the existing entrance and form a new door opening.
- Modify the existing glazed screens each side of the entrance to incorporate a new double door.

North/Heath Elevation.

- Form new door opening in former window opening, previously modified to form serving hatch to customers on the Heath.
- Reduce existing central window opening to form new door opening.
- Reduce existing west window opening to form new door opening.

In order that the proposed modifications should not have an adverse impact on the special architectural interest of the building, it is proposed that the new doors will be detailed as steel W20 sections to match the existing doors and windows.