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**THE ROYAL FREE NHS
FOUNDATION TRUST**

RELOCATION OF CYCLE STORE

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

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THE SITE AND BUILDING

The current cycle store is located within the ambulance drop off zone for the hospital's Emergency department within the main curtilage of the hospital. The proposal is to relocate this space to a safer and more accessible location to the rear of the hospitals site in an underutilised storage area.

- Site plan: Refer to 16031 (00) 001 for site location.
- Existing structure: Refer to drawings 16031 (01) 001 existing plan and elevations.
- Proposed structure: Refer to drawing 16031 (01) 002 proposed plan and elevations.

DESIGN STATEMENT

The proposal is to provide improved staff cycle parking/ storage.

The proposal includes removing an existing timber enclosure used for 4no. storage bins. The existing enclosure is approx. 2.1m high and is timber slat and steel post construction, it currently has extensive unsightly overgrowth building up behind the enclosure.

The new structure will be a lightweight construction of steel post and square caged panels topped with a sloped plastic corrugated roof and will be approx. 3.2m high. The caged panels will enable secure storage of cycles whilst maintaining visibility of the area. The plastic roof will benefit dry storage of the cycles and reduce the need of additional lighting to the area. The roof will be angled to reduce the impact on the adjacent neighbours.

ACCESS STATEMENT

Access to the new structure will be via the existing access routes within the sites curtilage including the service access road, Rowland Hill street access across the South car park and via Lawn road. Access and safety to the users will be greatly improved from the current location situated within the busy ambulance drop off zone for the hospital emergency department. It is also intended that the new safer location of the structure will encourage more members of staff to cycle and help reduce local congestion.