Design and access statement



This document provides information in support of the planning application for the replacement of the existing external door serving Staircase J of the Crowndale Centre.

The existing door is to be replaced to improve its operation as a means of escape. The existing door is not original, and was installed relatively recently to serve as a staff entrance. The original doors would have opened outwards, as do the original door on the corner of Evershot Street and Crowndale Road.

The main public entrance to the Crowndale Centre is further south along Eversholt Street.

Proposed new door to Staircase J

It is proposed to replace the existing inward opening door with outward opening doors, designed to match the appearance the corner entrance doors. The new doors will comprise one larger leaf, providing a clear opening of 800mm, and a smaller leaf, operational by panic bolts.



View looking north

The red dashed line indicated the demise of the building (the front area lightwells provide natural lighting to the basement storey). The new outward opening door will not impinge on the public highway.



View of final exit door to Staircase J, Eversholt Street





The doors are set back into the reveals, providing modeling to the elevation. The doors open outwards over a stone threshold. The doors are hardwood, with a raised panel surrounded by a strong moulding.



Existing door to Staircase J

The current door is practically flush with the external elevation. This was not the original design, evidenced by the existing stone threshold inside the door. It is likely that originally the doors were a pair of equal width door leaves opening outwards.



Internal view

Original stone cill inside the building, with original frame.