

WEST HAMPSTEAD STATION ENTRANCE EXTENSION

Access Statement

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1. West Hampstead station is currently undergoing expansion of their Overground station, with step-free access to the platforms, wider platforms, large station concourse to accommodate the increase in demand of the station (application reference 2014/7966/P). This application relates to the extension of the proposed entrance to connect the concourse to West Hampstead Square, improving visibility and legibility to the platform and station from West End Lane.
2. Figure 1 below depict the relationship between the new West Hampstead Overground step free entrance, and our application for the steps leading up to the concourse from the south of the site, on the ground floor of the Ballymore Annex.



Figure 1: 2014/7966/P 3D rendering of the new West Hampstead Overground Station

3. The site is located under the current Ballymore two storey annex development, and is an unfinished disused empty space surrounded by hoarding. Behind the hoarding exists a large concrete step from the ground, up to a height equivalent to the current concourse.
4. The associated works from the construction of a widened pedestrian approach to the West Hampstead Station entrance from West Hampstead

Square will comprise of ground re-profiling, the installation of steps and handrail, new surface treatment including tactile hazard warning paving and a raised flower bed and seating area.

5. This proposed extension to the entrance opens up the new West Hampstead Station entrance, improving connectivity and visibility from West End Lane and West Hampstead Square road, and provides an area for to display travel information. The main entrance is immediately adjacent to this proposal, and is step free, however this proposed extension only provides step access. It is considered unwieldy to attempt to fit a compliant ramp into that area, that also meets the level changes in the pavement, and allows access to the storage area behind the western wall. Access for those unable to use steps is therefore provided by the overall development. Figure 2 below shows the street elevation of the proposed West Hampstead Station (which does not form part of this application) depicting the different access points to the station.



Figure 2: 2014/7966/P proposed street elevation

6. The square that faces onto the proposed station entrance has been designed to create a communal area for the residents of the neighbouring flats, and also the customers of the butchers and creative retail units currently residing within the Annex. The access point will provide a connected way of navigating from the concourse to the square, and likewise improve connectivity and legibility from the south of West End lane to the station.