

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT



**POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE.
MARKET PLACE.
POCKLINGTON.**

**WORKS TO FIXED SEATING IN THE AUDITORIUM TO
PROVIDE ACCESS FOR WHEELCHAIRS TO STAGE AREA**

This Design and Access Statement has been produced in accordance with the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment guidance publication 2006 "Design and Access Statements : How to Write, Read and Use them" produced by CABE

1. Project Summary

The proposals are to reconfigure the existing fixed seating area in the auditorium. The current configuration does not allow access for wheelchair users to the stage area. The proposed new layout has been designed to enable the installation of a wheelchair stair lift to enable wheelchair users to access the front of the auditorium and the stage area.

New fixed seating will be introduced during the refurbishment.

2. History of Property and Previous Associated Applications

The building owned by Pocklington Town Council is used as an arts centre and cinema. It is a popular public building located within the old Market Place of Pocklington. The building also leases two shops located to the front of the building but are not related to the proposals discussed within this statement.

The Pocklington Arts Centre was built in two stages. The original two storey building referred to as 'Oak House' (which faces the Market Place and acts as the principle entrance to the building) is Grade II listed - built in 1690. The second stage of development included building a two storey cinema adjoining the rear of the original building.

Today the principle use of the centre is to provide entertainment facilities through showing films, shows and live acts whilst providing exhibition space for local artists, museums and community groups.

The facilities have been recently refurbished with the additional of a bar area on the first floor. Improvements were also made to the ground and first floor layouts at the same time. The works were undertaken in accordance with planning and listed building references 13/02066/PLF & 13/02067/PLB.

3. Current Proposals

The proposal documents included within this Application are listed below :

- Location Plan
- Existing and Proposed Plans.
- Heritage Statement

The proposals are to improve wheelchair access in the auditorium and provide a new improved seating layout. The proposals include the installation of a wheelchair stair lift.

4. Use

The use of the building will be unchanged by these proposals.

5. Amount

There are no changes to the amount of overall footprint and no alterations with the building as part of this Application.

6. Layout

The layout of the building will not change as part of this Application. All the works are within the auditorium as shown on the proposed plans.

7. Scale

There are no proposed alterations to the scale of the building.

8. Landscaping

There are no landscaping alterations as part of this Application.

9. Appearance

There are no proposals to alter the appearance of the building. The proposed works only effect the fixed seating arrangement in the auditorium.

10. Access

The proposals will have a positive impact on access in the auditorium for disabled users. As a result of the works wheelchair users will be able to access the stage area. This is not possible with the current layout.