

Design, Access and Heritage Statement

Hebden Design Studio

On behalf of

Lavant House Academy

Stables Café,

Lavant House, West Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex

Removal of existing modern window and replacement with new door, new ramp and stairs to provide access to the proposed entrance and replacement of single glazing to all windows with slim profile insulated glazed units.

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1. Design and Access Statement

The planning application proposes replacing an existing white-painted timber window with a white-painted timber door to improve accessibility to the existing staff canteen operating from the old stables block referred to as the Stables Café. The proposed door will be inserted within the existing window opening which is proposed to be enlarged only vertically from the existing window cill to the internal finish floor level. The proposed door design is in keeping with the design of the existing windows so that it sits sympathetically within the elevation.

The proposed ramp and stair access are required as the ground level outside the former stables block is lower than the internal floor finish level. As such the proposed structure is designed to meet Building Regulations following the guidance contained within Approved Documents Part M & K. The landing, stairs and ramp are proposed to be finished in stone tiles. A metal balustrade fencing the proposed access from the adjacent access road is specified to compliment the existing structure.

Associated changes in soft landscaping to allow for the access structure are proposed.

All single glazing to the existign windows is proposed to be replaced with slim profile insulated glazed units to improve the thermal efficiency of the building.

2. Heritage Statement

The proposed opening enlargement is kept to a minimum by only removing the section of the wall directly below the existing window opening. As such, minimal loss of historic fabric is proposed which will be mitigated by improved accessibility to and hence use of the structure. The bricks will be carefully removed and used elsewhere on site.

The window proposed to be removed has no heritage value as it is a modern insertion.

The existing windows are modern interventions and as such the replacement glazing will not have any impact in the heritage value of the building.