

Design and Access Statement:

Relocation of Portacabin and Containers within a Listed Building Compound, Warneford Hospital, Oxford

1. Introduction:

This Design and Access Statement outlines the proposed relocation of a portacabin and containers within a listed building compound. The project aims to ensure the efficient use of space while respecting the historical significance of the listed building and its surroundings.

2. Site Description:

The listed building compound is located in Warneford, Oxford. The portacabin and containers currently occupy a specific area within the compound, but their current placement hinders the optimal use of the space and may not align with preservation objectives.

3. Proposal Overview:

The proposed relocation involves moving the portacabin and containers to a designated area within the listed building compound. The new location will be carefully selected to minimize visual impact, preserve open spaces, and maintain accessibility while meeting functional requirements.

4. Design Considerations:

- Placement: The portacabin and containers will be relocated to an area that minimizes visual obstruction and preserves the historical integrity of the listed building compound.
- Orientation: The orientation of the portacabin and containers will be optimized to maximize sunlight exposure, minimize shadowing, and enhance energy efficiency.
- Landscaping: Surrounding landscaping will be considered to integrate the relocated structures seamlessly into the existing environment, utilizing vegetation to soften visual impact and enhance aesthetics.
- Materials: Any new materials introduced during the relocation process will be selected to complement the architectural style and materials of the listed building, ensuring visual harmony.

5. Access Considerations:

- Accessibility: The relocation plan will ensure that the portacabin and containers remain easily accessible to authorized personnel while maintaining clear pathways and emergency access routes.
- Inclusive Design: Consideration will be given to inclusive design principles to ensure that the relocated structures are accessible to all users, including those with mobility impairments.

6. Heritage Impact Assessment:

- Preservation: The relocation plan has been developed with a focus on preserving the historical significance of the listed building compound, ensuring that the relocation of the portacabin and containers does not compromise its heritage value.
- Minimal Impact: Efforts will be made to minimize any potential adverse impacts on the listed building and its surroundings, including visual, cultural, and historical considerations.

7. Conclusion:

The proposed relocation of the portacabin and containers within the listed building compound is designed to optimize space utilization while preserving the historical integrity and character of the site. The relocation plan considers design, access, and heritage considerations to ensure that the project aligns with preservation objectives and enhances the overall quality of the listed building compound.

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