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NA-20094-Honours B Design and Access Statement

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# LOCATION

The Akeman Honours Building is at 72-80 Akeman Street, Tring, HP23 6AF and falls within Tring Conservation Area. The Akeman Honours Building is split into Block A and Block B.

The proposal is to the rear of Akeman Honours Building Block B at first and second floor levels.



Location Plan

# USE

The Akeman Honours Building Block B is use class E: Commerical, Business and Service. Block A is currently being converted to residential with construction due to complete later this year.





Photographs taken pre-2020 showing previously existing fire escape from Honours A and Honours B.





## SCALE

The scale of the stair is in keeping with the requirements of the latest Building Regulations.

The doors and windows will match the existing. The window cills will be lowered to be at a reasonable height approximately 1.2m above floor level.

## **AMOUNT**

Two metal escape stairs are proposed: one of 3 steps up from first floor level to car park level and one of 13 risers down from second floor level to car park level.

Seven windows are to be replaced at second floor and three windows at first floor.

# Akeman Honours Building - BLOCK B new windows to be positioned lower and infilli panels above to match window frames in anthracite grey [RAL 7016] casements existing window depth increased fire escape door height to match full height of existing opening

Upgrading the windows to match those on the lower floors will enhance the elevations and improve the setting considerably. The fire escapes are a necessity and will also match the windows.

# LAYOUT

The layout is as required for reasons of emergency escape in case of fire.



## **ACCESS**

The fire escapes are alternative means of escape – the other is provided by the stairs to the front of the building – and will be accessible to all offices on each level respectively.

# HERITAGE ASSETS

The larger site has undergone an amazing transformation in recent years. The build quality has been of a very high standard. The proposed doors, windows and fire escape stairs will be carried out to the same high standard which will further enhance the Conservation Area.



