

North Wingfield Medical Centre Chesterfield Road, North Wingfield

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Proposed extensions to, and internal remodelling of, existing GP practice to offer improved facilities to existing patients and capacity for new patients.

Introduction:

The existing practice sits within a local authority housing scheme, adjacent to Chesterfield Road with a good-sized car park accessed off one of the main estate roads, Whiteleas Avenue.

The applicant proposes to extend the existing property to the rear and front. At the same time, it will be necessary to remodel the interior to both facilitate access to the new areas and improve the existing internal arrangements for staff and patients.

Design:

The existing building is single storey with all rooms and spaces accessible from one level throughout. The minor exception to this is the rear fire exit which is accessed from a small flight of internal steps. The proposal to increase capacity at the medical centre will still be at single storey with level access throughout but by changing the location of the alternate fire exit, the internal steps will be removed and the corridor end developed into a staff wc.

In summary the works are as follows:

- 1) extension of the front of the building to provide a remodelled reception area, staff offices and waiting area. Construction will be masonry cavity wall to the external walls with either lightweight blockwork or acoustic stud internal partitions.
- 2) extension to the rear to provide additional consultation rooms, freeing up space to offer improved district nurse and related facilities. Construction will be masonry cavity wall to the external walls with either lightweight blockwork or acoustic stud internal partitions.
- 3) introduction of flat roof areas and roof lights to accommodate the above changes.

4) rendering of the whole of the exterior as it is unlikely that we will be able to match the existing facing bricks after the passage of time and subsequent weathering to the existing facades.

5) removal of the gable to the front, right hand side and replacement with a combination of a pitched roof and flat roof.

6) removal of the existing external entrance canopy and ramp.

7) construction of a new entrance canopy and ramp to suit the new building line.

Access:

The building itself is an established practice and none of the proposals will affect existing access or use of the facilities in any way. The proposal will give the opportunity to improve internal circulation and upgrade existing finishes and facilities to more contemporary standards.