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Ref: 9 – 11 Chapel Walks Manchester DDA 'NO' Access investigation

We have looked through the options for disabled access into chapel walks.

There are currently two sets of stairs to access the property. One exterior set of stairs which is listed on the listed elevation front with a rise of 430mm. And one internally to access the main restaurant floor of 600mm rise.

The internal one would be an ideal candidate for an internal stair lift but unfortunately this would overlap with the incoming mains for the unit and therefore could not be installed. We have looked at the opportunity for an internal lift to overcome the change in levels on the internal stair but as the basement is under lease, we cannot install any structural elements to make this possible either.

Due to the narrow opening of the external stair, it is not possible for a stair lift or a platform lift to be installed. Regardless of this both of these options would go against the listed characteristics of the building as they would need altering to make this viable.

The basement ceiling height cannot be altered due to an existing tenant we are not able to accommodate a ramp inside the unit to meet DDA requirements.

Due to the planning regulations is it also not suitable to accommodate a ramp outside the unit. The joist layouts internally also do not accommodate for an internal lift mechanism.

We have therefore concluded that portable wheelchair ramps must be located on site (as shown on the plan) and that a DDA Call point externally is installed for anyone who may require additional help to access the property by staff who will receive training on the equipment:

<https://www.theramppeople.co.uk/economy-channel-ramps-multi>

This Ramp Allows a lift height of 610mm making it the perfect choice for both sets of stairs.

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