SIMON ENGINEERING BUILDING
UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
CATERING OUTLET REFURBISHMENT

FULL PLANS APPLICATION
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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

The proposal is to create a new entrance into the existing catering outlet to the Simon Engineering Building, University of Manchester, as part of a scheme to refurbish the outlet. The entrance is being provided to improve disabled access to the canteen by way of a new ramp and entrance door, designed in accordance with the Building Regulations Approved Document M. In addition, the recommendations of Manchester City Council's Design for Access 2 have been incorporated into the design, however this was not possible for the full length of the ramp due to existing site constraints.

The ramp will consist of powder coated steel railings and nylon powder coated handrails, which have been designed to match the black iron railings to the existing building. The ramp surface will be galvanised steel chequer plate. The majority of the ramp will be enclosed behind the existing wall and railings to the building, when viewed from Brunswick Street and Oxford Road.

The new entrance door is to be powder coated aluminium, coloured to match the existing doors to the Simon Building Catering Outlet.

The ramp will bridge the existing light-well to the Simon Building, supported from the concrete surface at the base of the well via steel beams and columns.

