CHEETHAM HILL CRICKET CLUB – PART M ACCESS STATEMENT

THE PROJECT

The existing Cheetham Hill squash club is located in Crumpsall, Manchester and shares its grounds with Cheetham Hill Cricket club. It is bound by Catherine Road to the south, Melton Road to the west and residential housing to the north and east.

The site is accessed off Catherine Road by way of a privately owned entrance, marked as "site entrance" on drawings (0-)A015 Location Plan. This access is also shared by the cricket club, lawn bowl and social members of the club.

It is a proposition to increase the squash club by extending along its south and east elevations. This will provide an additional 13sq.m of floor space, to facilitate a grandstand as a viewing gallery for the new glassback walls on court one and three. The first floor above the new grandstand will be removed, with railings added to the first floor corridor for extra viewing to court three. Please see drawing MA10150/PA/04 Proposed Ground & First Floor Plan.

It is also proposed to provide a new entrance porch to the property, to improve the internal environment by reducing draughts to the main area of the accommodation.

ACCESS TO BUILDING

1.1 Suitable means of access for people from the entrance point at the boundary of the site, and from the car parking that is provided on the site already exists. Wheelchair users, people who need to use walking aids, and people with impaired sight can access the squash club by a level approach to the west and north side of the cricket club building. At all times there is a clear width of 3700mm minimum as pathway.

ACCESS INTO BUILDING

2.1 The difference between internal and external levels of the building will be overcome through the provision of a new access ramp to the entrance of the property. The ramp will include a level landing adjacent to then entrance door to the property. The ramp will have a width of no less than 1200mm with a minimum slope ratio of 1:15 (6.7%).

2.2 A new external entrance door will be purchased, with a single leaf and a clear minimum width of 1000mm.

2.3 There is an internal level landing of at least 1500 x 1500mm in front of the entrance door.

2.4 No additional work will be carried out to the corridors, as an existing clear minimum width of 1500mm is provided and 900mm available past the staircase. This provides a wheelchair with enough room for a turning circle.

2.5 Any structural columns will not present a hazard for visually impaired people.

2.6 Internal floor surfaces adjacent to the threshold are of materials that do not impede the movement of wheelchairs.