

BRIEF: To provide an accessible entrance at lower ground floor level to assist University disabled employees approaching from the Oxford Road (station) direction. This is in addition to the main entrance of the building located at ground floor level.

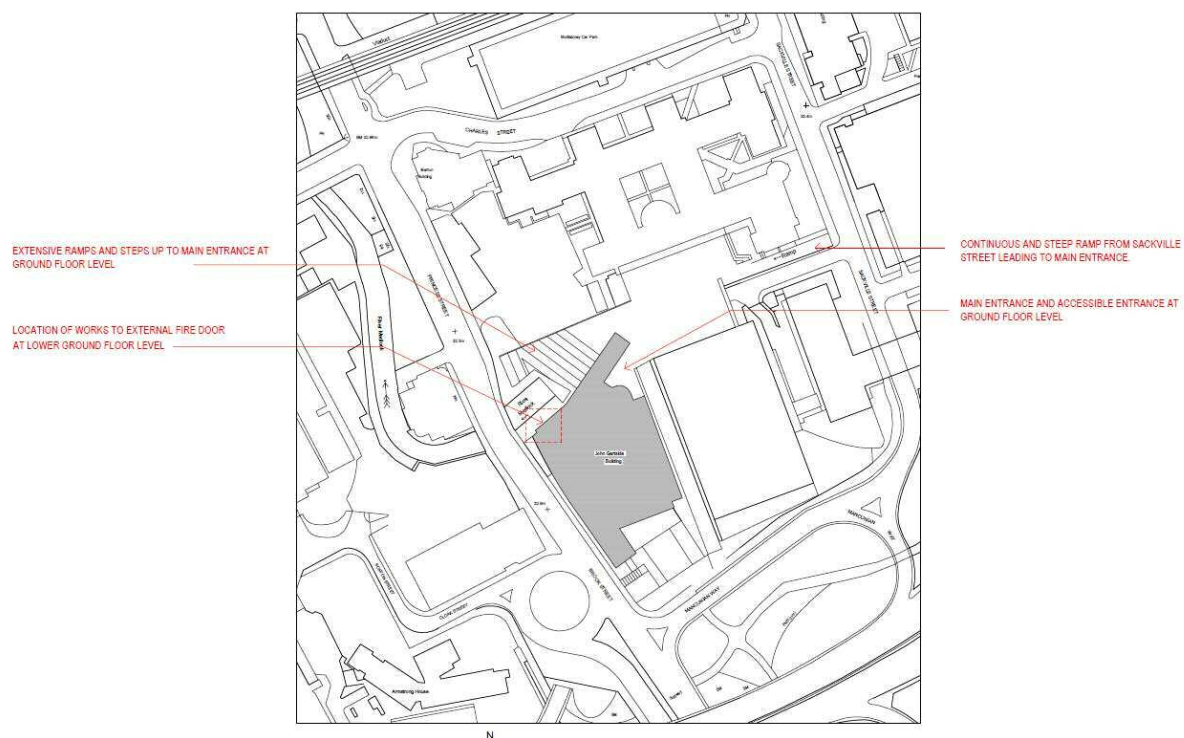
ISSUE: Current access to the main entrance of the building, at ground floor level, requires users to climb up extensive ramps and steps from either Princess Street or Sackville Street (Photographs 1 & 2). There is approximately a 6m difference in height from lower ground floor level to ground floor level, therefore; the ramp from Princess Street is extensive in length; the ramp from Sackville Street has a shorter length, but is very steep, has no landings and does not meet current accessibility standards.

SOLUTION: Avoid the need to use the ramps. Provide an accessible automatic staff entrance at lower ground floor level, close to the building's passenger lifts for full building accessibility. (Photographs 3 & 5)

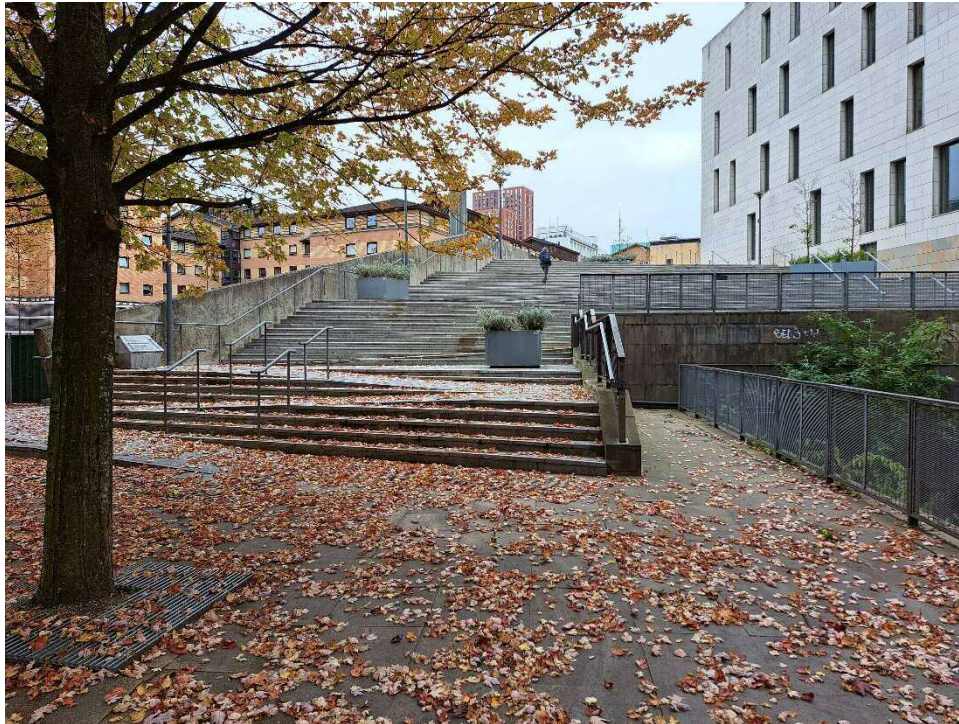
PROPOSAL: An existing manual fire escape at lower ground level has been identified as the best option to provide the accessible entrance close to the passenger lift (Photograph 3). To maintain an outward opening manual fire escape in line fire safety requirements, the existing manual door is to be relocated and fitted into an adjacent fixed glazed screen which is the same size and material finish (Photograph 4 & 5). The new automatic door will be installed in the original door opening adjacent the passenger lifts (photograph 3.) To maintain building security, the door will have secure swipe card access and an intercom linked to the reception area.

ARCHITECTURAL IMPACT & ACCESSIBILITY: The proposal will have no architectural impact on the building and will improve accessibility of the building.

SITE PLAN:



PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph 1: Ramped and stepped access from Princess Street towards the main entrance of John Garside building.



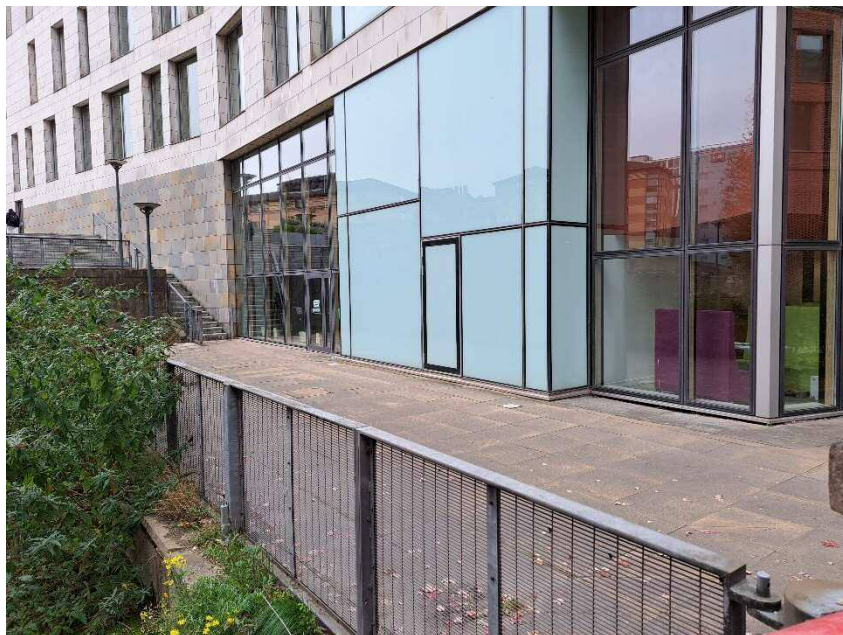
Photograph 2: Ramped and stepped access from Sackville Street towards the main entrance of John Garside Building.



Photo 3: Existing manual fire escape door at lower ground floor level, adjacent to the passenger lifts.



Photograph 4: Fixed glazed screen. To be replaced with existing manual fire escape door. Structural opening size and materials match the existing door and frame.



Photograph 5: View from Princess Street towards existing glazed screen and fire escape door (lower ground floor level.)