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DDA ACCESS STUDY
The Manchester Social

Revision 0

Date: 16th August 2024

1. **APPLICATION DESCRIPTION**

The Manchester Social
9 South King Street,
Manchester,
M2 6DG.

Application is for a tattoo studio comprising of reception on the ground floor, event space in Basement level -1 & tattoo treatment space in Basement level -2.

Access into the building is via a single raised step to the main entrance door.

Access to lower floors is limited to a narrow stair: the first flight down to basement -1 appears to be a recent addition within the last 10years. The final flight down to basement -2 looks to be the original stair.

Fire exists located on each of the basement floors.

4. **DDA ACCESS STUDY SUMMARY:**

As a general rule, we would always where possible try to cater for all, in respect of the design.

Access into the premises:

The premises are accessed via a single raised step into the studio reception area. Due to the steep incline of the entrance step into the premises we do not believe we can achieve the gradient required to satisfy a suitable and safe ramp into the premises without intruding well onto the public footpath thus causing obstruction to pedestrians.

Vertical access within premises:

The premises do not currently allow for disabled access to the lower basements floors. We have explored the following options in determining our proposal:

1. **Stair-Lift** - The existing stairs are notably steep and narrow and in-keeping with a building of this period. As the existing stairs also provide a secondary means of escape in the event of a fire, it also imperative that we keep the widths as wide as we are able to do so, to ensure a safe exist and free from additional obstructions. With the above considerations in mind, we have concluded that it is prohibitively narrow and restrictive for such an installation within this building.
2. **Vertical Lift:** - We have explored options around the installation of a vertical lift - to cover the full height

required we would need to dig a lift pit and provide a plant room, both of which would not be possible within the existing structure of the premises. This is in part due to the positioning of the existing structural steel work and coordinating with existing stair case and fire escape routes. Further, in the event of a fire we could not provide a safe secondary means of escape for DDA customers in these circumstances.

3. Conclusion: - Having explored all available options to introduce vertical access for our DDA customers we have conclude that due to the nature and existing structure of the period building and more importantly the ability to provide a safe secondary means of escape in the event of a fire. We have concluded that we would be unable to provide vertical access to the level required to ensure the safety of our customers.

4. Proposal: - With the above taken into consideration and a strong desire to provide the same level of care deserved to all our customers, we are taking a disability-friendly approach within the means allowed for a building of this nature.

We propose to provide the full level of service on the ground floor for our DDA customers as offered to our able bodied customers on the lower basement floor. We are installing a full disabled W.C. on the ground floor where previously this provision did not exist. We are also proposing to provide a full treatment bed as is available on the lower basement floor.

Our team members are required to undertake induction training that allows them to accommodate disabled customers. Regular training is given each 6 months to the staff as well. Disabled customers will not have to reach the counter at all. Any of the services that they might require will be served to them where they are. Furthermore, this location will have a removable payment card reader to ensure that customers in wheelchairs do not have to reach over to the counter to pay, a team member will bring the card reader to them.

As part of our disability-friendly approach, we plan to always have at least 3 team members on shift and assign one of them to prioritise helping disabled customers. Team members will also ensure they help any ambulant disabled person if required. Team members are informed to proactively help the customer instead of waiting for them to ask.

We continue to review and assess how we can serve all our customers equally and take reasonable measures whenever we can to ensure that any disabled customer can enjoy the same experience as any other customer. The aforementioned measures that will be implemented in the new space will ensure that the space works well for all customers. We will continually review how we can do things differently to ensure the space is usable by all our guests and everyone feels welcome.

PASSENGER LIFT LOCATION STUDY

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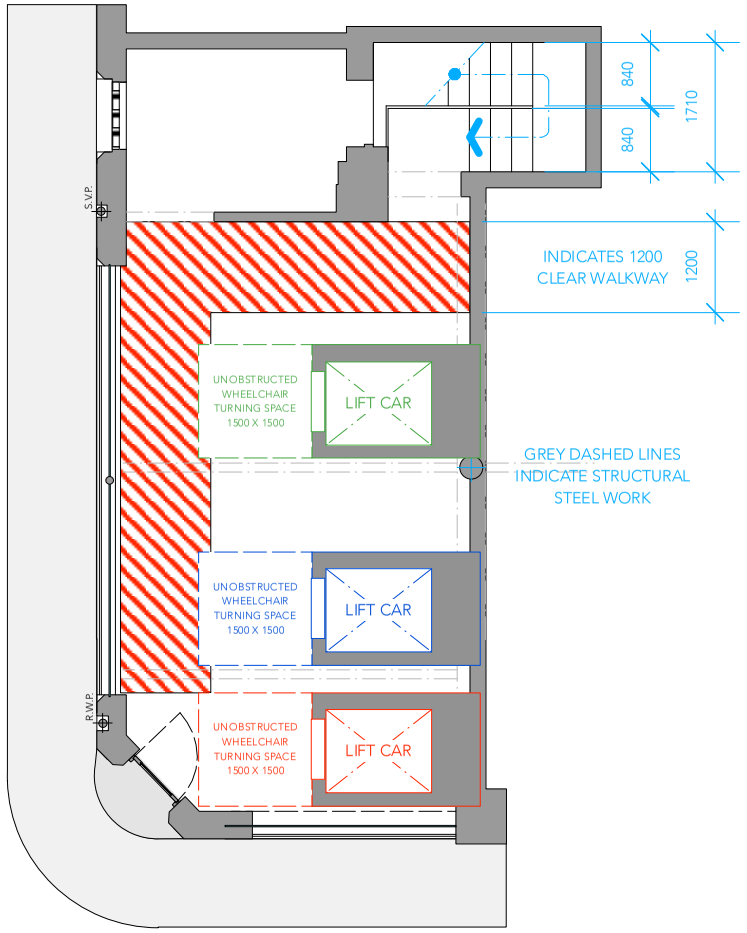
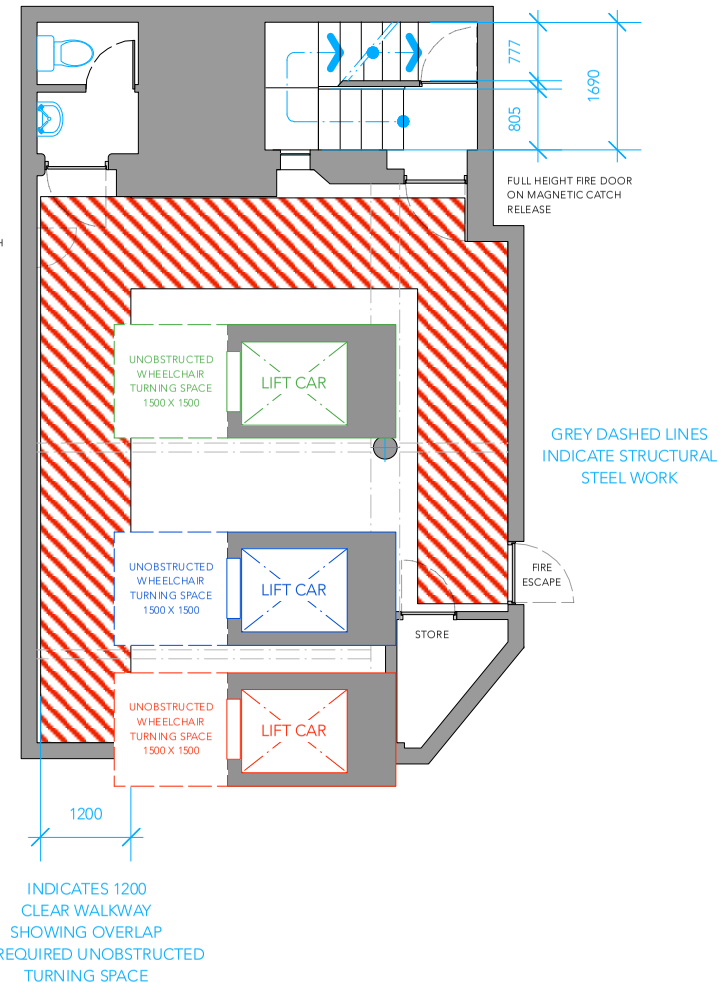


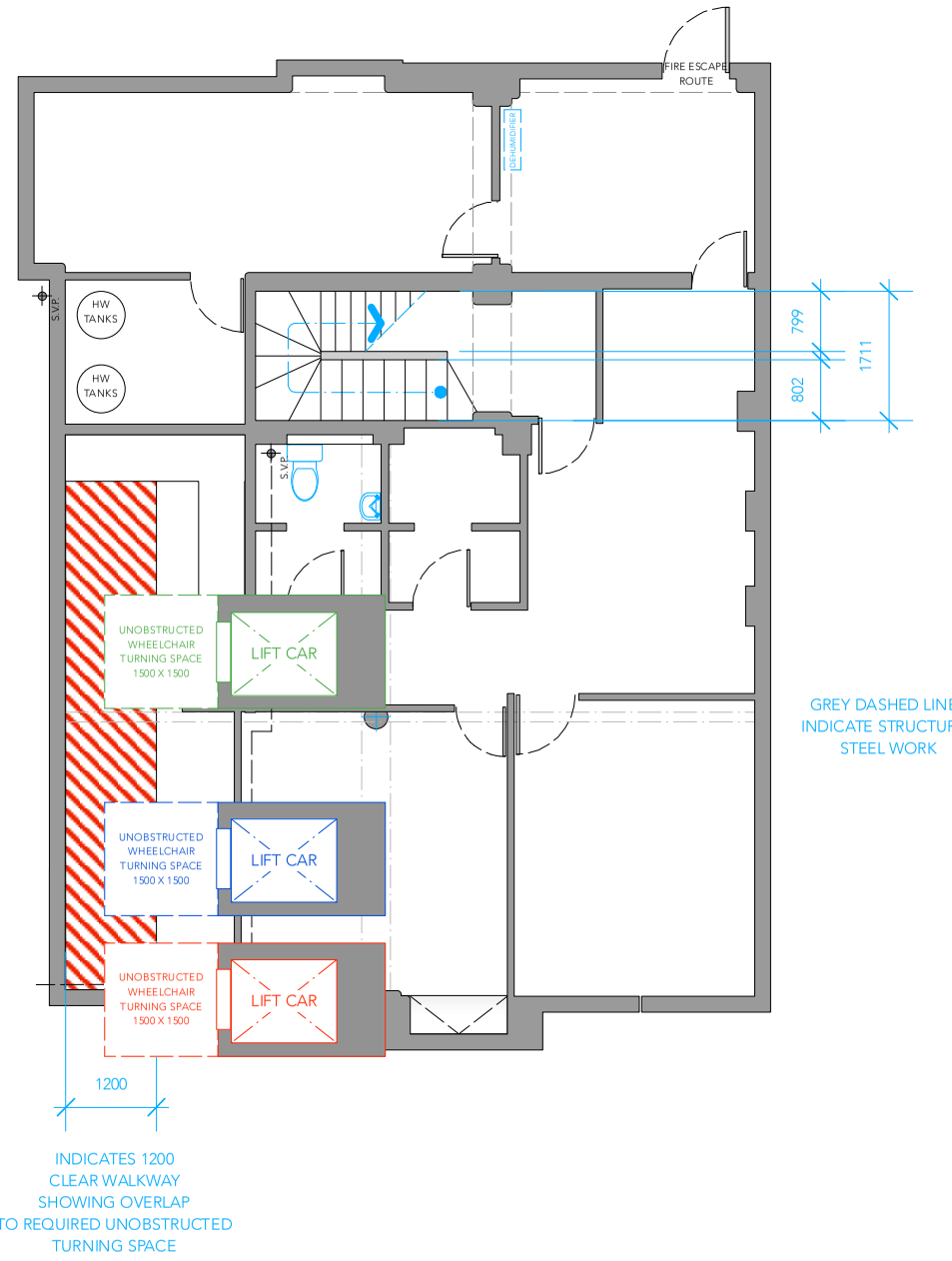
GROUND FLOOR

GROSS INTERNAL FLOOR AREA @ 49.7sqm



BASEMENT LEVEL -1

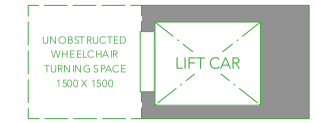
GROSS INTERNAL FLOOR AREA @ 53.1sqm



BASEMENT LEVEL -2

GROSS INTERNAL FLOOR AREA @ 111.8sqm

LIFT CAR + LANDING SPACE



POSITION C

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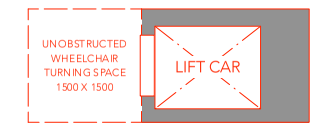

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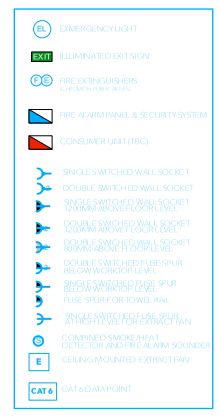

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DRAWING STATUS PLANNING

SCALE: 1:100 @ A3

DATE: JUNE 2023

NOTES:

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- Contractor to check all dimensions on site and relate to these drawings. Contractor to report any discrepancies to Designers prior to construction.
- All structure to Structural Engineer's details.
- ROCK&POPPINS to be consulted on any aesthetic alterations prior to construction.
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SECTIONAL ELEVATION - ENTRANCE + VERTICAL CIRCULATION

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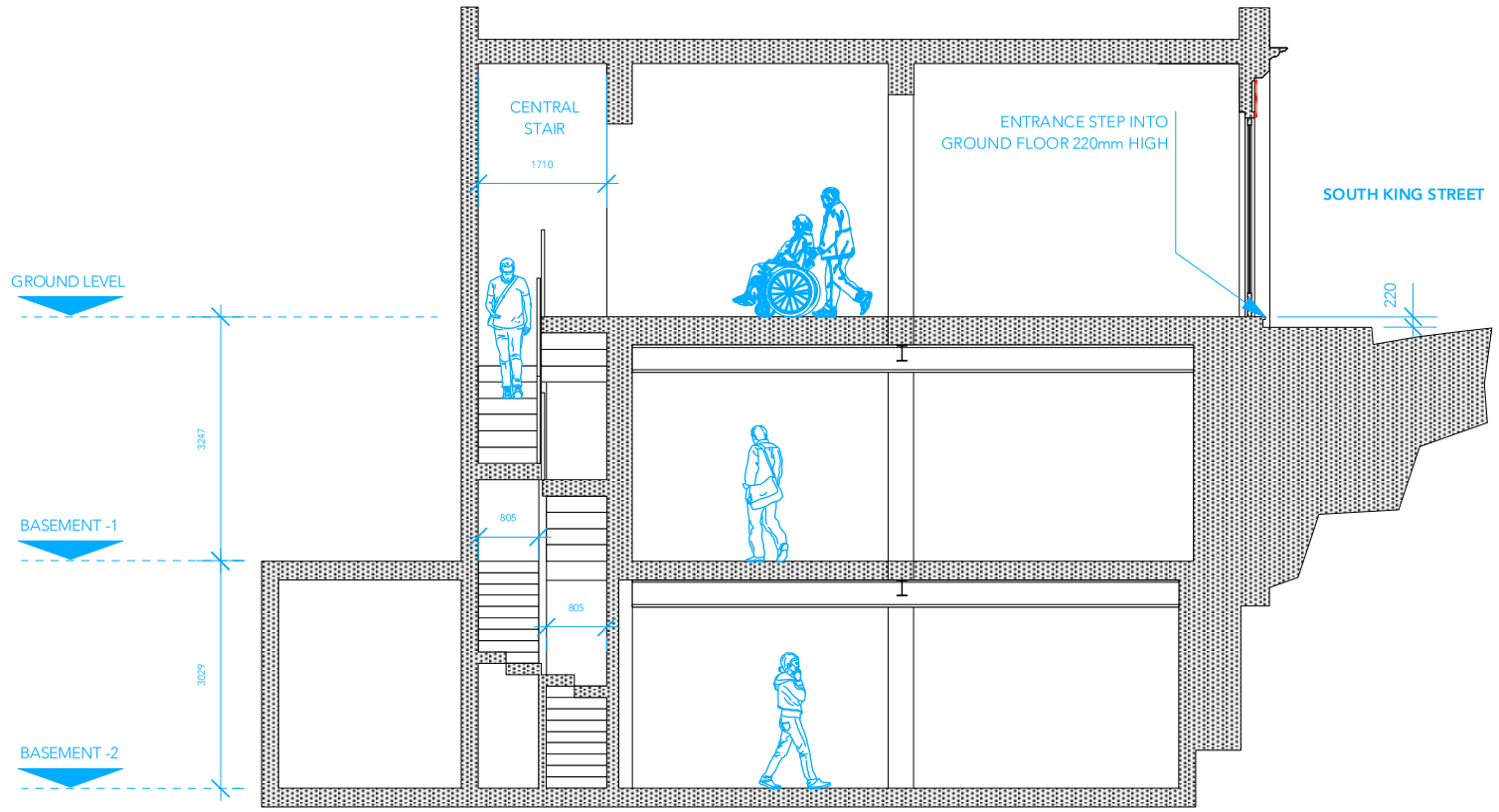

SECTIONAL ELEVATION

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