

Garden of Reflection

Design and Access Statement

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1.0 Introduction

Site Address:

Adjacent external area to main entrance of Ronald McDonald House (260sqm)

Hathersage Road
Manchester
M13 0BH

Client:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Architect:

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2.0 Site Context

The development site is to the immediate west elevation of Ronald McDonald House, adjacent to the main entrance of the building.

It is bounded to the west and south by a wider open public space which is predominantly grass with a significant number of tree group clusters. To the south this is bounded by the public footpath to Hathersage Road, to the west by The Boulevard and to the north, by East Road and the associated lay by and public realm areas forming the entrance concourse to the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Principal public footpaths are to the west and east of the development side, with secondary footpath routes across the development site to give a more direct route when walking west to east (and vice versa) across this part of the hospital campus.

The development site is open on all sides and comprises of a mixture of hard and soft landscaped surfaces.

There is an established hierarchy of paths and external open spaces. The principal footpath zones are identified by resin gravel surface, with focal open spaces demarcated by paving block and contrasting flush edge kerbing. There is also a liner flush bed with a mixture of low level planting.

There are a number of tree groups within the development site, with a hedgerow to the immediate north.

There are a number of low level lighting bollards to aid definition of hardstanding areas and associate footpath routes.

3.0 Proposed Development

The proposed scheme seeks to enhance the external public realm to the entrance of Ronald McDonald House.

It is intended for this open area to be known as the Garden of Reflection. The design seeks to reconfigure the existing hard and soft landscaping areas, providing seating and screens with a central podium feature which will provide a focal/reference point acknowledging former hospitals (Old St Mary's, Booth Hall, Pendlebury) and the current RMCH.

This will be a safe and inclusive space for the public, but most importantly for families and friends of patients (former and current) to spend reflection time but also will provide an opportunity for children currently treated to enjoy being outdoors.

There is no intended change of use.

The proposed screens will be orientated as a reference to the geographical location of the former and current hospitals. The convergence of these will be the central podium which will form a central node point within the garden area.

The screens will incorporate integrated bench seating.

There will be limited works to drainage infrastructure with localised works to connect any new gulleys and channels to the existing surface water infrastructure.

Proposed lighting will be local to the proposed structural elements (screens and podium).



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