

WHISTLES

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Store: WHISTLES

Address: 28 King Street, Manchester, M2 6AY

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1.00	BACKGROUND The site is located on King Street adjacent to two other retail shops, Charles Tyrwhitt and Crepslocker.
2.00	ACCESSIBILITY Access to the site is via King Street. There is a small existing ramp into the raised shop level, allowing wheelchair users unobstructed access into the store. The store provides a DDA compliant disabled fitting room for customers adjacent to the sales floor. The access to the store will be via open entrance.
3.00	SALES AREA Internally the shop is to be decorated with new free-standing fixtures. Mid-floor fixtures will be laid out to allow easy access and flow for the customers. Assisted service is provided at the payment point for all customers. The staffs are trained to assist any customers with difficulties reaching high level goods as well as the use of the cash desk.
4.00	FITTING ROOMS Existing fitting rooms from previous use will be converted to 3no. able-bodied fitting rooms and a disabled fitting room on the ground floor and compliant to DDA requirements. Assisted service will be always provided for all customers. The DDA fitting room is fully equipped with DDA compliant folding seat & grab rails.
5.00	BACK OF HOUSE There will be an open stock room with clear demarcation in the basement floor and different painted floor finishes for fire escape route. Office and toilet will be provided for all staff, electrics cupboard to be 30min. fire rated enclosed.
6.00	CIRCULATION The retail floor is accessible on one level. The rear and basement areas are accessible via the sales floor/authorised personnel area dividing door and staircase. The floor finishes will be timber, natural coir mat to entrance and vinyl to toilet and staff areas. All existing floor finishes are retained from previous use, except for new lay-on rugs to be bonded to floor. There will be proprietary transition strips between the floor finishes to maintain a level floor. Customer service and assistance will be made available to all customers who are unable to safely carry or collect goods from the displays and transport them to the fitting rooms or front counter. Loose debris will be moved by staff as necessary to maintain clear and safe access routes.
7.00	FIRE EXITS There are 2 fire exits in this store. The escape route passes through the sales floor to the rear exit point. The second escape route is from the basement level which leads into a fire exit into adjacent premises.

8.00	ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY All materials to be used in the construction of the shopfit are sourced from suppliers with proven green credentials where possible. All lighting to be energy efficient in compliance with current regulations.
9.00	MOVEMENT TO, FROM AND WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT Movement for the staff and customer between the shop and high street is via the main entrance at the front of the store.