

## **Design & Access Statement**

**For the Forming of a new Pergola to the Front Elevation of  
The Alchemist  
1 New York Street Manchester**

**Prepared by JCO Projects**

**For**

**The Alchemist Bars & Restaurants  
Chadsworth House  
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## **1.0 Introduction**

This Design & Access statement has been prepared to accompany the Planning Application as previously submitted for the above property.

The purpose of this statement is to provide further information on the design and its relationship in terms of its character and the existing frontage to the Bar & Restaurant.

The purpose of the application is to provide enhanced facilities to supplement those already in place, by providing quality spaces for diners in the existing external seating area. The Pergola will also provide more visible means of identifying the Main Entrance into the venue and visibility into the Restaurant from the main public highway.

## **2.0 Site Location**

The Alchemist Bar & Restaurant is located on the Ground Floor of 1 New York Street, Manchester, M14HD. The site already has an existing external seating area for its patrons to enjoy outside dining.

## **3.0 Design Proposal**

The existing external area is formed of granite paving slabs that form a level paved area from the footpath up to the Main Entrance door with level thresholds into the venue. There is also an existing glazed panel breeze free barrier.

As part of the existing external seating area there are seven umbrellas which will be removed, these currently restrict the open view into the Restaurant from street level.

It is intended to make full use of the existing large window zones for natural daylight and enhance visibility for pedestrians from the street level into the Bar & Restaurant.



*Fig 1 Existing Street Elevation. 1 New York Street.*

#### **4.0 Appearance**

The proposed Pergola structure will be constructed in a 50x50mm steel framework with a powder coated black finish RAL 9005. The front facing columns will have a 25x10mm lighting channel with warm white LED lighting.

The lighting levels of the warm white LED's will be 652lm/m.

There will not be a roof over the structure, it is intended to be an open framework.



*Fig 2 Proposed "As built" Elevation. 1 New York Street.*

The Pergola's new look and feel is to reduce the cluttering of the existing umbrellas and provide a much more sleek appearance to the frontage of the Bar & Restaurant, also enhancing the Main Entrance location into the venue.

The Pergola design and installation is part of a larger internal refurbishment project, to fully revitalise the venue which has been established on New York Street since 2012

#### **5.0 Summary**

The approach taken for this application has been practical, and based upon designs from other Alchemist projects.

The existing character and appearance of the property, 1 New York Street and accompanying surroundings has been taken into account with the proposed design in order to enhance the street view appearance.

Along with the additional internal improvements to the scheme, it is apparent that The Alchemist have taken pride in the up keeping of their venue which is reflected throughout their far wider estate.