

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

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Cringle Park Café & Accessible W.C
Cringle Park, Crossley Road, Manchester,
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1.0 – Introduction

This Design & Access Statement has been prepared by Manchester City Council Capital Programmes and Procurement to support an application for Planning Permission for the installation of a steel shipping container on a grassed area

2.0 Features of Existing Site

Cringle Park is a true community Park based within the voting Ward of Levenshulme, closely bordering Longsight and situated within 7 km of Manchester City Centre. The Park offers a flavour of everything within one site and aims to fulfil the mixed demands of the locality. It is a perfect setting for relaxation and quiet enjoyment, and is also a very popular dog-walking park as well as offering a children's play area, multi use games area (MUGA), tennis courts and boxing club. Cringle Park has a strong and active 'Friends Of' group who support community events and actively campaign for improvements in the park.

A sundial in the centre of a Stonehenge was erected on top of a small hill in this park, which serves as an aesthetically pleasing spot for families to visit. A small mobile coffee shop on a bicycle serves drinks and snacks.

The park is managed by Manchester City Council.

3.0 Design Proposals

It is proposed to provide a used 40' steel shipping container to act as a café and take away catering facility to be run and managed by a private company providing hot drinks and food and a separate adjacent new 8' accessible W.C. container. The 40' container is intended to be a takeaway facility and also a small indoor facility providing food & drink consumption with a seating area of approximately 14 customers. It is proposed to provide toilet facilities for staff and customers and disabled visitors to the park. The current door to the 40' facility is circa 750mm wide. A new door painted in the existing colours would give 1000mm clear access to facilitate disabled users.

The new steel container disabled toilet is to be installed connected to existing services in the design shown below. The colour is to match the green of the used adjacent container. The disabled w.c. will be a great asset to visitors using the park and facilities.

Both containers are to receive a treated timber trellis surround to cover the whole external envelope with the exception of the windows and doors. Two doors and a window are to be removed from the existing to further soften the impact, allowing these areas to also be covered. The trellis will be finished with a green preservative treatment. The green coloured timber trellis will blend in with the park's natural surroundings. Climbing plants will be planted to the base of the trellis in a mixture of pots and the ground consisting of Clematis, cucumber, vine tomato, grape vine, espalier apple, Bay tree, squash, herbs and blackberry which in time will establish a green natural living wall to soften the impact of the container on its surroundings and blend in to the natural environment of the park. The trellis and the climber will also deter graffiti which has been a problem in the park. The roof will receive an upstand and a Sedum planted living roof. This will be formed using established sedum turf.

4.0 Access to the new Facility

The access will be low impact to the environment and use natural materials. The proposal is to raise the ground level to the front entrance on a very gradual gradient to the landscape, shallower than 1:40 and provide a well compacted hoggin path within the grassed area from the nearest tarmac path to reach the facility. The hoggin path shown on the drawings will leave the tarmac path in the first photo below (RH bottom corner) and go towards the area where the maquis can be seen.



Area to receive Container.



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The container to be installed at the park in the above area. N.b. The front felt canopy is to be removed and is not included in the application



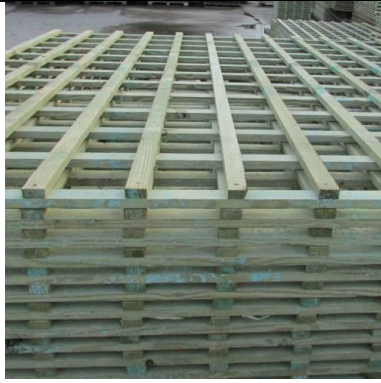
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Example of size & colour of Disabled W.C.



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Trellis to be fitted to external envelope.



Climbing Plants (Clematis) to cover containers



Climbing Plants (Espalier Apple) to cover containers



Climbing Plants (Squash) to cover containers

3D conceptual Images of Proposal





