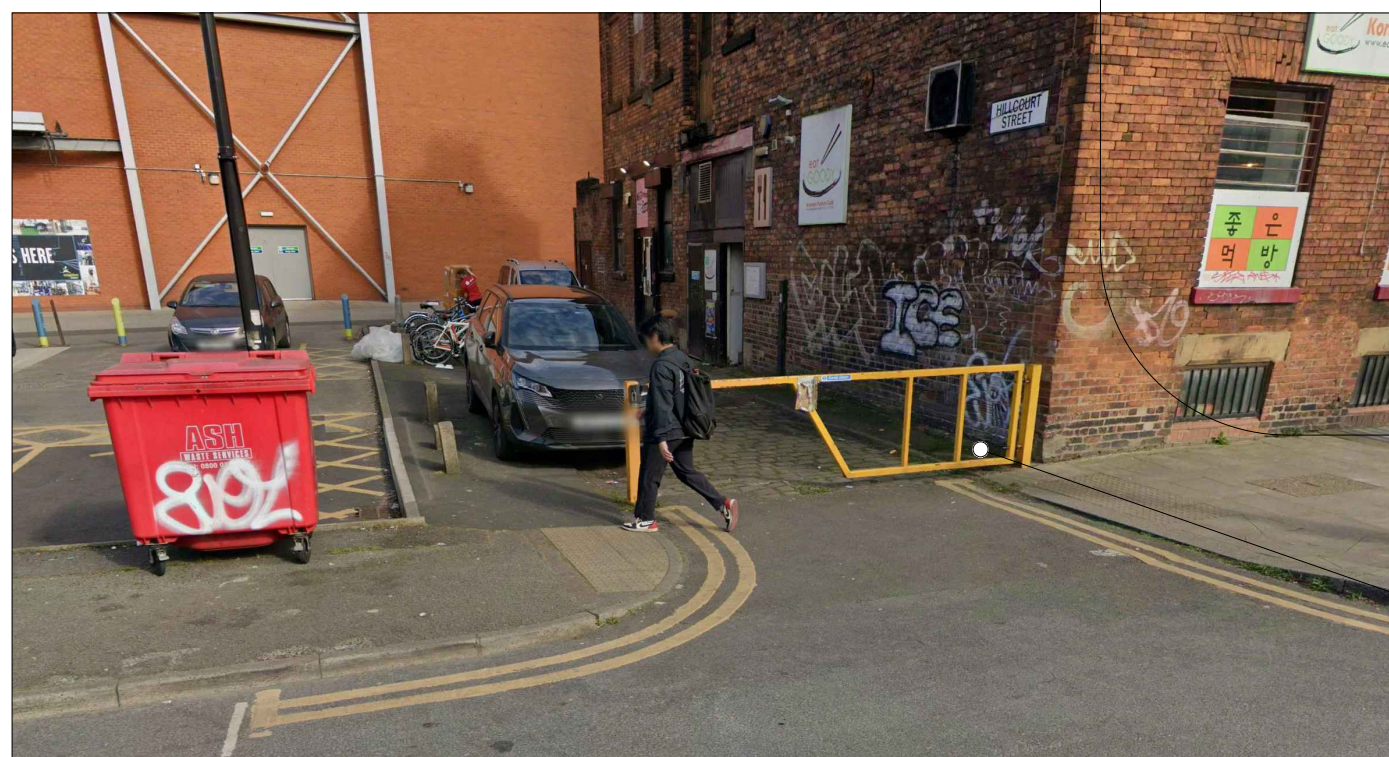
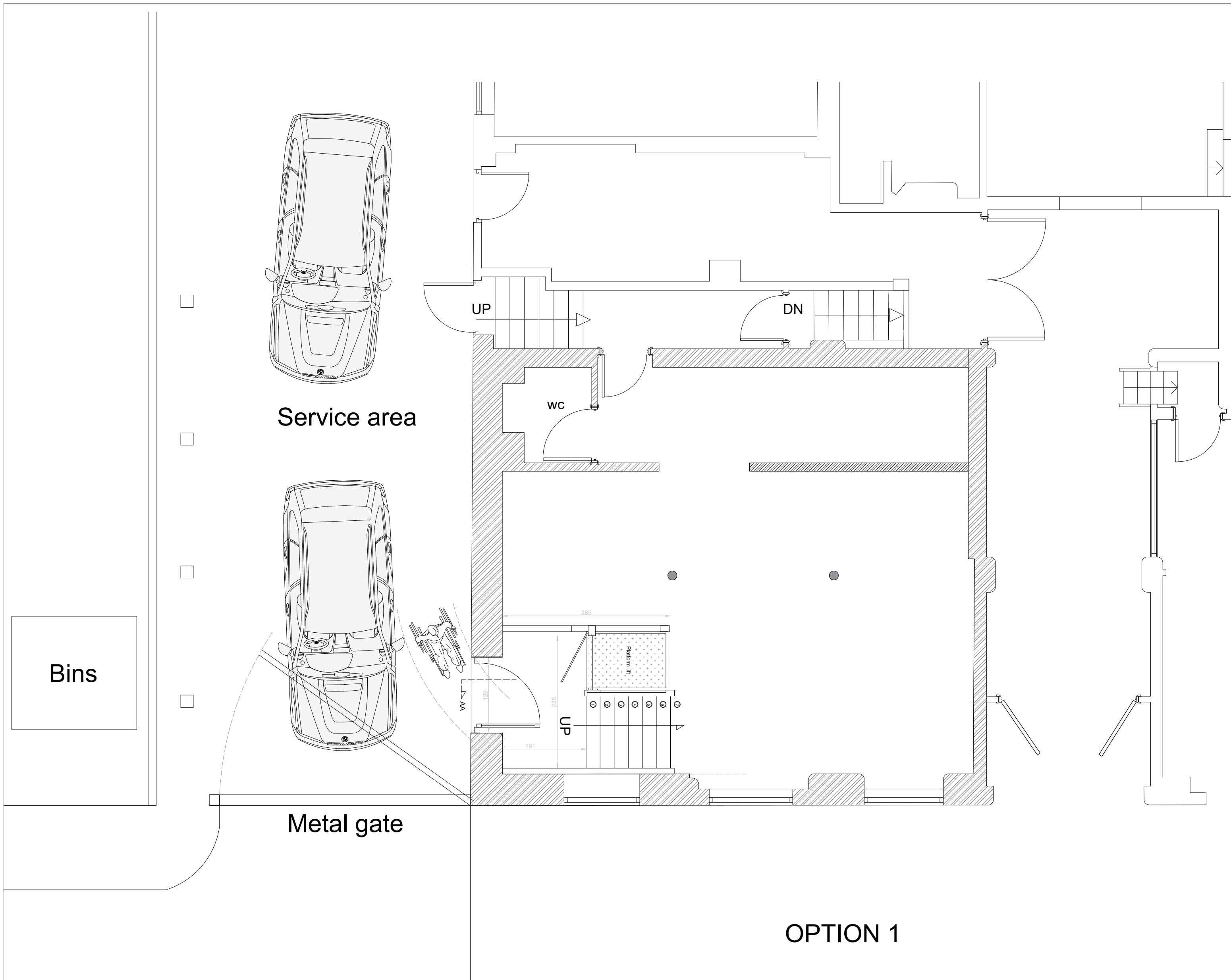




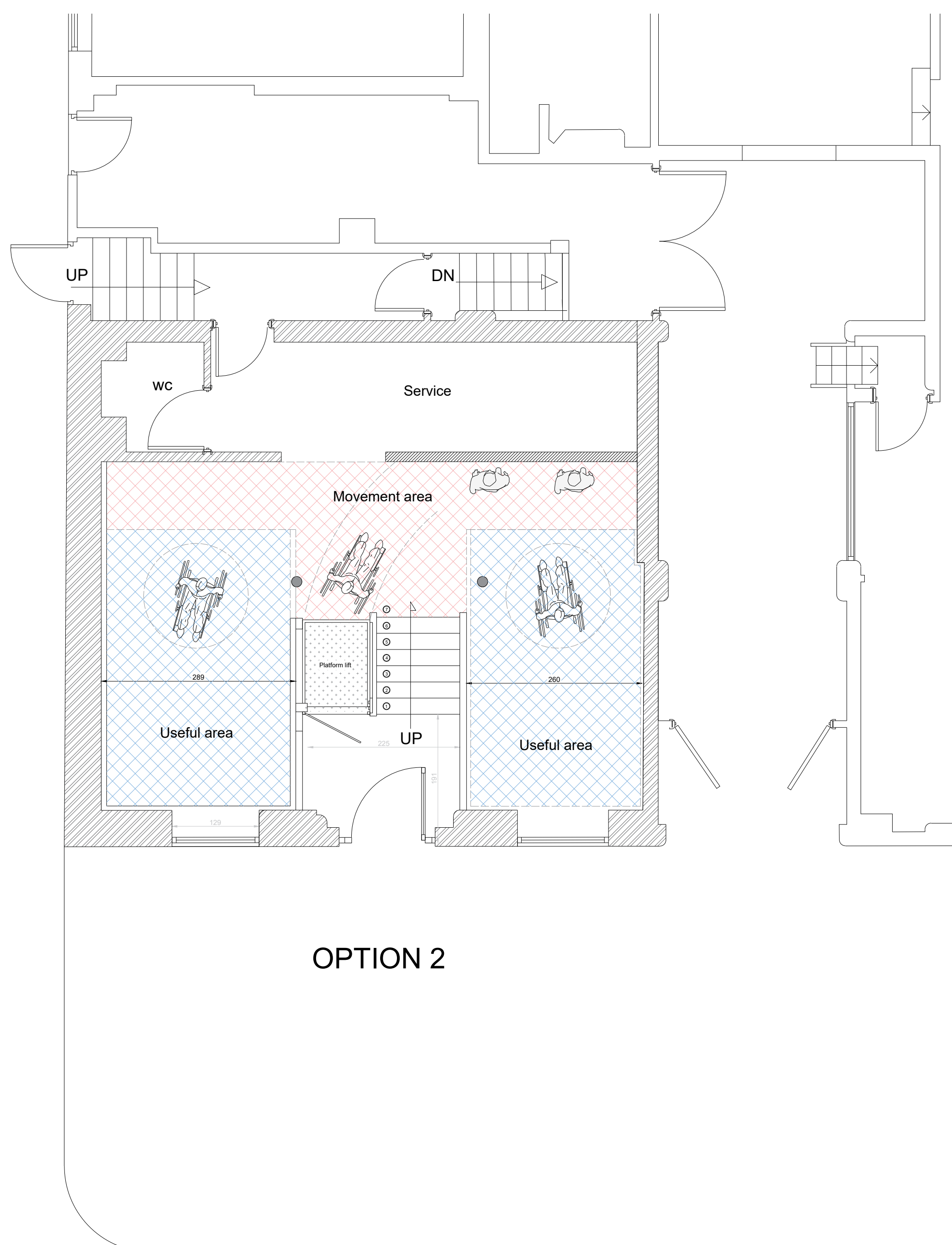
Option 1 – Entrance from Hillcourt Street

This option proposes locating the new entrance on Hillcourt Street, thereby retaining the existing front elevation unchanged.

While this approach minimises impact on the principal façade, it presents significant challenges in terms of accessibility and user experience. Hillcourt Street functions as a service route, characterised by delivery activity, refuse storage, and frequent vehicle obstruction. The presence of a metal gate and uneven cobblestone surface further restricts ease of movement, particularly for wheelchair users.

As such, this option conflicts with the core design objective of providing an inclusive, safe, and welcoming entrance. The environment is not conducive to step-free access and would likely result in a substandard user experience.

Conclusion: Not suitable due to poor accessibility and conflict with inclusive design principles.



Option 2 – Central Entrance on Front Elevation

This option places the new entrance at the central window of the front elevation, creating a symmetrical and visually balanced façade.

However, this arrangement introduces significant internal planning constraints. The proposed stair and platform lift occupy a substantial footprint, and when positioned centrally, they divide the premises into two narrow sections on either side (approximately between 2.6m and 2.8m wide after allowing for circulation space).

This results in:

- Reduced spatial quality, with the space feeling constrained
- Inefficient layout and operational challenges
- Restricted movement, particularly for wheelchair users in which they might not be able to reach a window
- Increased potential for circulation conflicts

While externally appealing, the internal functionality is significantly compromised.

Conclusion: Not suitable due to poor internal layout, reduced usability, and accessibility constraints.



Option 3 – Entrance at Right-Hand Window

This option proposes locating the entrance at the right-hand window of the front elevation.

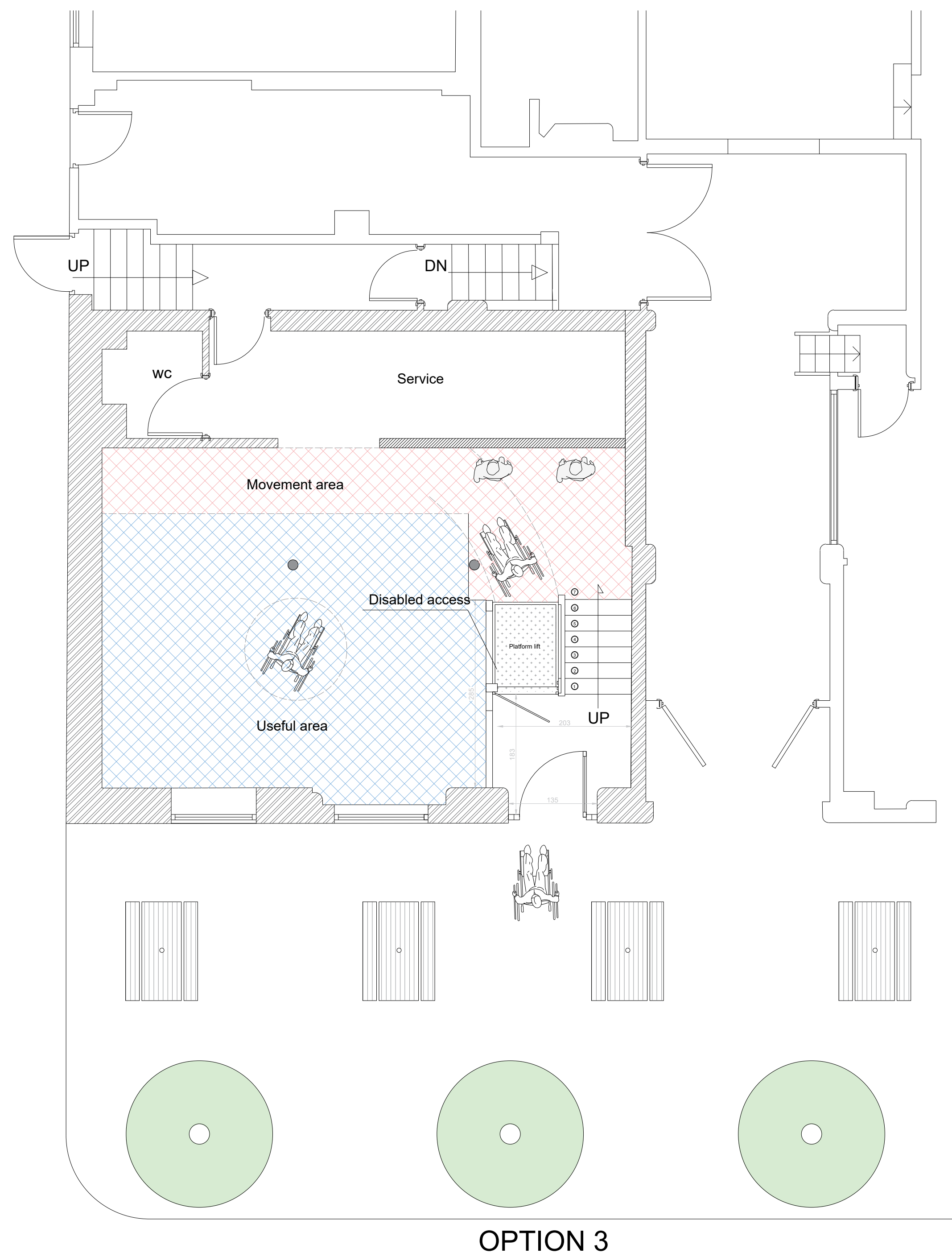
This is a feasible solution and performs well in terms of accessibility and internal layout, allowing for a more continuous and functional space.

However, its primary limitation is its proximity to the neighbouring property entrance. This may:

- Create a sense of congestion at the boundary
- Interfere with adjacent outdoor seating arrangements
- Result in a less comfortable arrival experience

Despite these concerns, the option remains workable from a design and accessibility perspective.

Conclusion: Feasible, but with potential constraints relating to proximity to neighbouring use and external amenity.



OPTION 3



Option 4 – Entrance at Left-Hand Window (Preferred Option)

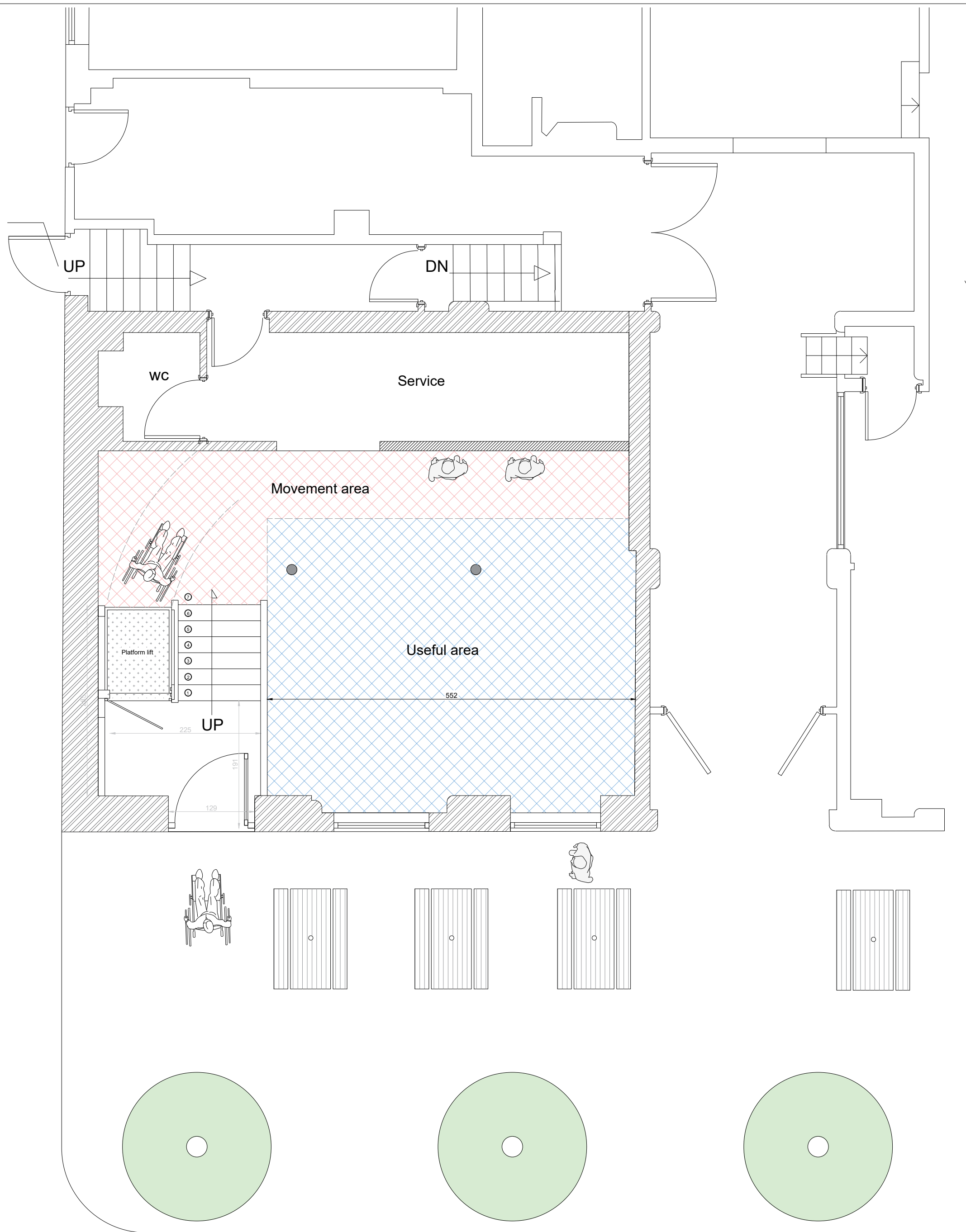
This option locates the entrance at the left-hand window of the front elevation.

It successfully addresses the limitations identified in the previous options by:

- Providing a direct, accessible, and welcoming entrance from the main street
- Maintaining a functional and open internal layout without subdividing the space
- Allowing efficient integration of the stair and platform lift
- Avoiding conflict with neighbouring entrances and external seating areas

In addition, this option aligns most closely with the project's inclusive design objectives while maintaining a balanced relationship between external appearance and internal functionality.

Conclusion: This is considered the most suitable option, providing the best balance between accessibility, functionality, and contextual response.



OPTION 4