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RE: Condition 34 – Strategy for Providing Access to University Campuses by Residents with Disabilities

Introduction

This document has been prepared on behalf of Fusion Students in support of the discharge of Planning Condition 34. The purpose of this strategy is to ensure that residents occupying accessible accommodation within the development are able to access their respective university campuses through an appropriate, person-centred approach which reflects individual requirements and available transport options.

Location and Accessibility

The development is located within Manchester City Centre and benefits from excellent connectivity to the wider public transport network. Residents have convenient access to a range of transport options including:

- Metrolink tram services;
- Local bus services operating throughout the city and university corridors;
- National Rail services;
- Accessible pedestrian and step-free routes connecting key destinations across the city centre.

The public transport network serving Manchester provides extensive accessible travel opportunities, including step-free tram access, wheelchair-accessible vehicles and accessible transport interchanges.

The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and other higher education facilities are all accessible via established public transport routes from the city centre.

Resident Assessment Process

Prior to occupation, and during the resident onboarding process, any student who identifies a disability, accessibility requirement or mobility-related need will be offered an Individual Needs Assessment.

Where appropriate, this assessment will be undertaken alongside the preparation of the resident's Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) and will consider:

- The resident's mobility and accessibility requirements;
- Their anticipated travel arrangements to and from campus;
- Any barriers to accessing public transport or local pedestrian routes;
- Any reasonable adjustments that may assist the resident in accessing university facilities.

The assessment process will be reviewed periodically throughout the resident's tenancy should their circumstances change.

Travel Information and Guidance

Residents identified through the assessment process will be provided with information regarding available travel options between the development and their university campus.

This information may include:

- Accessible tram routes;
- Accessible bus services;
- Accessible pedestrian and step-free routes where appropriate;
- Information regarding transport operators' accessibility provisions;
- Details of local transport interchanges and journey planning resources.

Fusion Students will maintain up-to-date travel guidance to assist residents in identifying the most suitable transport options available to them.

Individual Support Measures

Following completion of the Individual Needs Assessment, Fusion Students will review any identified requirements on a case-by-case basis.

Where appropriate, consideration will be given to reasonable operational measures, information, guidance and signposting which may assist the resident in accessing their place of study, taking account of:

- The resident's individual circumstances;
- The accessibility features already available within the public transport network;
- Support available through the resident's university, local authority or transport providers;
- Operational practicality and proportionality.

Any support arrangements identified through this process will be reviewed periodically and amended where necessary to reflect changing circumstances.

Ongoing Management

This strategy shall be implemented by the building management team prior to occupation of any accessible bedroom and shall remain in operation for the lifetime of the development.

Fusion Students will retain records of Individual Needs Assessments and associated support arrangements where applicable.

The strategy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains effective and reflects any relevant changes to:

- University campus locations and access arrangements;
- Public transport infrastructure and services;
- Local accessibility improvements;
- Relevant legislation, guidance and best practice relating to accessibility and inclusive travel.

Any updates identified through the review process will be incorporated into the strategy and communicated to residents where appropriate.

Conclusion

Through the combination of Manchester's extensive accessible transport network, the provision of travel information and guidance, and a resident-focused Individual Needs Assessment process, Fusion Students will ensure that residents occupying accessible accommodation are supported in accessing their university campuses in a manner appropriate to their individual needs.

This approach enables support arrangements to be tailored to individual circumstances whilst recognising the significant accessibility benefits provided by Manchester's established transport infrastructure and pedestrian network.

Yours Sincerely,



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