

Accessibility visit at Heslington Village Hall YO10 5EB

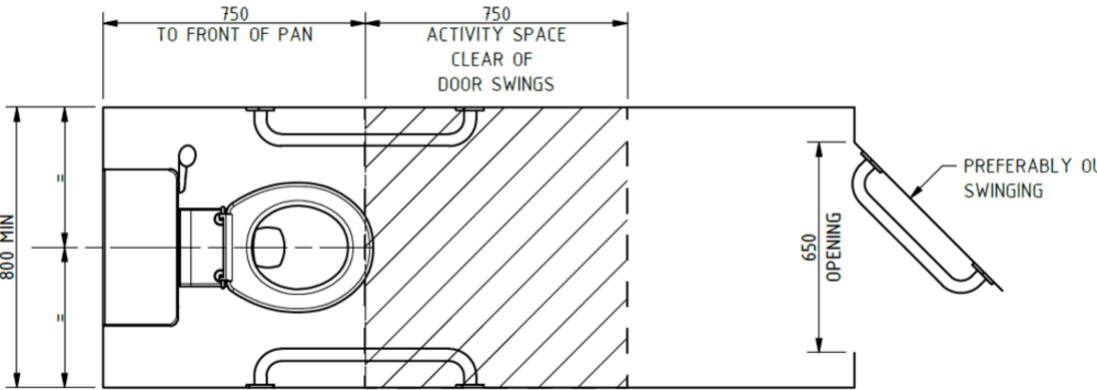
18TH April 2024: 1-2 pm

Notes

Attendees

Name	Organisation (if applicable)
Dave Smith (DS)	Access Officer, City of York Council (CYC)
Christine Kyte (CK)	Support Worker (CYC) – note taker
Pauline Bramley	Chair: Heslington Parish council. Heslington Meeting Room/Village Hall

No.	Item
1	Background
	<p>Accessibility visit from CYC Access Officer requested by Pauline Bramley.</p> <p>PB explained that several years ago there had been a Ward grant to resurface the drive between the Village Hall and neighbouring residences, (the drive is shared access for all these properties). However, the residences have not agreed to the resurfacing as they would have to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of the new surface. Heslington Village Hall offered to pay for resurfacing and ongoing maintenance of part of the drive so that it provides wheelchair access. However, the residences did not agree to this possible change.</p> <p>Following the visit PB emailed DS to clarify who she spoke to from CYC., namely Jim Southan, Karen Hebron and Kate Ravilious.</p>
2	Site visit. Exterior – points to consider
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wheelchair access via the main door to the hall is possible but could be improved by resurfacing part of the drive and extending the ramp. Air bricks would need to be moved.2. There are two large steps leading outside from the door of the meeting hall. Portable ramp needed in event of fire.
3	Interior

	<p>Accessible toilet:</p>
	<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pull cord alarm needed. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contrasting colour on pipework. Or use tape to highlight. • Stoma bag shelf above handle. • Change toilet cistern to low and add a paddle handle. • Soap dispenser and hand drier to be placed to the right of the sink.
	<p>Ladies' toilet:</p>
	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put handrails in one of the toilets to make it more accessible for ambulant disabled.  <p>The diagram illustrates the layout of a ladies' toilet. It shows a toilet pan with a minimum height of 800 mm. A clear activity space of 750 mm is required in front of the pan. Another 750 mm clear space is required to the right of the pan, clear of door swings. The door is shown with a 650 mm opening and is noted as preferably opening outwards.</p>
	<p>Hearing Loop</p>
	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable loop system used in meeting room. Due to size of meeting room, addition of some fabric, (e.g., wall hangings), may improve acoustics.
	<p>Meeting Room</p>
	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a slightly raised threshold between hallway and the meeting room door. The use of a slight ramp should be provided or built better still the space should be adapted to include a shallow ramp between the two, removing the raised threshold in the first instance.
	<p>Kitchen</p>
	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower the height of the "peninsula" work surface when next refurbished.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable ramp needed for fire door in kitchen as there is a significant step up to exit the building if unable to use the fire exit through the double doors in the meeting room.
<p>4</p>	<p>Actions</p>
	<p>PB to contact DS re CYC staff member who gave advice on resurfacing drive. Copy Councillor Kate Ravillious into this email</p> <p>PB to get feedback from meeting room users about the acoustics over the next few meetings. A simple questionnaire would suffice.</p> <p>Feed this back to the Access Officer to identify any improvements.</p>