

## Introduction

- 1.1 This Accessibility Statement has been prepared on behalf of Vantive Limited in respect of a planning application for change of use at Suite 1, First Floor, 1 Heathrow Boulevard.
- 1.2 It relates to an application for:  
***Change of use of part first floor from vacant Office (Class E) to Mixed Use Office / Healthcare Education / Training Facility (Sui Generis)***
- 1.3 The proposed development relates to a material change of use only and does not propose any external alterations to the existing building.

## The Site

- 2.1 The application site comprises existing floorspace within 1 Heathrow Boulevard, known as Suite 1. The Site is located at first floor level.
- 2.2 The wider building comprises three floors of accommodation and was constructed as part of the Heathrow Boulevard Estate which comprises of 5 freestanding office buildings.
- 2.3 Access to the business park is achieved via Heathrow Boulevard, off Bath Road which also serves a number of office premises to the south and east of the application site.

## Relevant Planning Policy

- 3.1 The Local Plan: Part 1 – Strategic Policies (Adopted November 2012) recognises the importance of designing development to achieve integrated, sustainable developments. The Council's adopted 'Accessible Hillingdon' Supplementary Planning Document (September 2017) ('SPD') is referred to within the Local Plan and provides details of how integrated, sustainable developments can be achieved.
- 3.2 The SPD provides details of the how inclusive design is synonymous with good design and the goal is to create buildings and public places that allow everyone to use facilities and services. LB Hillingdon are committed to ensuring that 'access for all' is a requirement for all developers so that spaces and places meet the requirements of all residents.

## Accessibility

- 4.1 The proposal has considered how users will experience the training facility and residential aspects of the proposal.
- 4.2 An indicative plan has been provided to demonstrate the indicative internal arrangement of the proposal which demonstrates that the proposal has considered aspects such as internal doors and corridors, toilets and changing facilities and kitchen / breakout areas. The proposal complies with the requirements as set out within the SPD with regard to internal arrangements.
- 4.3 The existing building is served by two principle entrances (wheelchair accessible), located to the front and rear. Both entrances lead to a central lobby which includes 2no lifts which provide access to the subject suite at first floor level.
- 4.4 As set out on Drawing Ref: 110-MKT-7047, the subject suite will be served by two entrances which provide separate access points for office staff and service users. These access points will be signposted at arrival when departing the lift.

- 4.5 The premises will be served by three accessible parking bays (demised to the Applicant) which will be located to the rear of the building.
- 4.6 The Site is fully DDA compliant to ensure any users with disabilities can effectively and safely use and benefit from the operations which are proposed as part of the application.
- 4.7 The proposal does not propose any amends to the existing access arrangements beyond the introduction of the ramp and does not create any new floorspace. The existing access is suitable for all users, including wheelchair users.

#### **Conclusion**

- 6.1 In light of the above, we conclude that the proposed development is fully accessible for all users and it is demonstrate that the Applicant has considered how patients, carers, staff and other users will access and use the Site.
- 6.2 The application accords with the guidance as set out within the 'Accessible Hillingdon' SPD (2017).