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Disabled User Access Statement for dispersal of pre-construction condition of Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and Temporary Gym at Brunel University London, Kingston Lane, Uxbridge, UB8 3PH in connection with Planning Permission 532/APP/2020/1978

AGP and Temporary Gym - Disabled User Access Considerations

The proposed vehicular and pedestrian access from Kingston lane compromises even textured asphalt surface and is accessible for person with mobility problems

Similarly, hard standing pavements around the building and new hard standing areas around the pitch around the AGP are all accessible for disabled person.

The hard standing area surrounding the AGP will include an area of lower fencing for persons using a wheelchair.

Disabled access has been carefully considered throughout the whole design and applied to ensure the use of the facility can be use for all people. The intention is to provide a smooth transition to and from all areas with the sports ground for people of all ages and abilities.

As part of the scheme one disabled parking space will be provided and access with appropriated circulation routes. This coupled with the multiple disabled access points on campus will contribute to ease of access for any and all ages and abilities.

All new pedestrian paths shall be complaints with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) regulation and Sport England Technical Design Guidance Notes 'Accessible for Sport Facilities 2010'

The gym facility has ramps to enter and exit, double doors and wide access hallways to ensure ease of access for any and person with mobility issues.

Existing Facilities - Disabled User Access Considerations

A £250 million investment of our campus has seen massive changes in the university's physical environment, and the needs of disabled students have played an important part in this development.

Our accommodation, academic and teaching areas and social spaces are accessible to students with mobility difficulties. We had an audit of our facilities carried out by DisabledGo, now called AccessAble, and we have annual surveys through them to ensure that we can constantly improve on the accessibility of all of our facilities.

Equally we work hard on making all our electronic information accessible and keep on top of all the new assistive technologies that can support the experience of users/students with disabilities or learning difficulties.

We've recently had an access audit of our facilities, carried out by DisabledGo:

"Brunel University London, is a diverse campus-based community committed to maintaining an environment that is welcoming and accessible for all students, staff and visitors. Established almost fifty years ago, the University's mission in terms of education has always been to combine academic rigor with the practical, entrepreneurial and imaginative approach pioneered by its namesake Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

All aspects of life at Brunel - academic or otherwise - are underpinned by a full commitment to equality and diversity, with various services and departments at Brunel working to promote a diverse, equal and interconnected culture.

Over £300 million has been spent in recent years on building a state-of-the-art campus, with significant funding invested in making Brunel fully accessible. Over the years many disabled

students have chosen Brunel due to its high-quality courses, its environment and, crucially, the accessibility of its accommodation, teaching and study spaces.

Two examples of the excellent services established at Brunel with disabled students in mind are the Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS), its Assistive Technology Centre and the West London Assessment Centres at Brunel, RHUL and BNU. The DDS holds a Times Higher Award for outstanding support for disabled students, was ranked best for access by the Trailblazers network and was part of the successful bid to the Business Disability Forum which gave Brunel its Disability 'know how' award in 2014. Similarly, the three Assessment Centres all received 100% pass ratings in their recent annual external audits.

The DDS team provides various forms of support for disabled students throughout their time at the university, including a range of support workers, information and advice about any aspect of physical accessibility, accommodation and academic study. This aims to enable the student to fulfil their potential and make the most of their time at Brunel”.

Sports Pavilion – supporting the rugby pitch development.

Services / facilities within the building include reception, social area, changing rooms, teaching rooms and officials changing rooms.

Services / facilities within the grounds include tennis and netball courts, athletics track, 3rd Generation Pitches and Multi Use Pitches.

Outside Access:

- This information is for the entrance located at the front of the building.
- There is level access into the venue.
- The main door(s) open(s) automatically (towards you).
- The door(s) is / are double.
- The width of the door opening is 140cm (4ft 7in).

Reception:

- The desk/counter is 6m (6yd 1ft) from the main entrance.
- There is level access to the desk/counter from the entrance.
- The lighting levels are medium.
- The desk/counter is medium height (77cm - 109cm).
- The desk/counter has a low (76cm or lower) section.
- The desk/counter is staffed.
- There is a hearing assistance system.
- The type of system is a fixed loop.
- Staff are trained to use the system.

Inside Access:

- There is level access to the service(s).
- There is not a hearing assistance system.
- This venue does not play background music.
- The lighting levels are varied.
- Motorised scooters are allowed in public parts of the venue.

Lift:-

- There is a lift for public use.
- The lift is located to the left as you enter, opposite the reception.
- The lift is a standard lift.
- The floors which are accessible by this lift are G and 1.
- Wall mounted information boards are not provided at lift landings.
- The lift is approximately 5m (5yd 1ft) from the main entrance.
- Staff do not need to be notified for use of the lift.
- The clear door width is 90cm (2ft 11in).
- The dimensions of the lift are 108cm x 130cm (3ft 7in x 4ft 3in).
- There are not separate entry and exit doors in the lift.
- There is a mirror to aid reversing out of the lift.

- The lift does have a visual floor indicator.
- The lift does have an audible announcer.
- The lift does not have Braille markings.
- The lift does have tactile markings.
- The controls for the lift are within 90cm - 120cm from the floor.
- The lighting level in the lift is bright.

Accessible Changing Room (Ground Floor)

- There are accessible changing rooms available.
- The accessible changing rooms are located through the social area.
- The accessible changing room is 20m (21yd 2ft) from the main entrance.
- The accessible changing room is 12m (13yd 4in) from the reception desk.
- The dimensions of the accessible changing room are 250cm x 250cm (8ft 2in x 8ft 2in).
- The facilities available in the accessible changing room are a wheel in shower and handrails.
- There is level access to the changing room.

Additional Information: -

- Staff do receive disability awareness / equality training.
- Documents can be requested in Braille.
- Documents can be requested in large print.
- A member of staff trained in BSL skills is not generally on duty.
- This service can be requested.

Pitch Considerations:

- To include a disabled viewing section
- Disabled parking available on site
- Pitch can be accessed via ramps (avoiding stairs)

Gym Considerations:

- Gym has no narrow corridors to impede disabled use.
- Disabled parking available on site