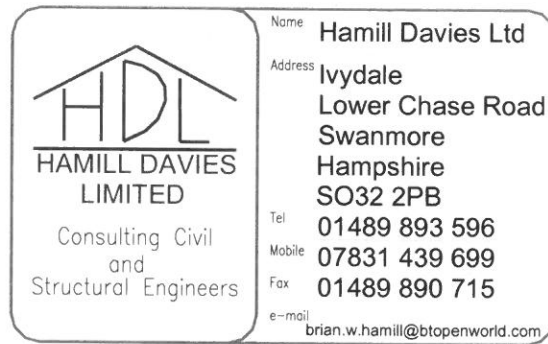




Oak Park Community Hospital, Havant.

– Revised ramp access to Children’s Unit Entrance

Design & Access Statement

Appraisal of Context

Assessment

- The existing entrance to the Children’s Unit has a sloping tarmac ramp which has a gradient steeper than the recommended slope of 1 in 20.
- The site context, including physical, social and economic characteristics remains unchanged and accords with relevant planning policies.

Community Involvement

- The NHS Client has concerns that disabled out-patients attending the Community Hospital clinic are at risk and after consulting with users decided that an alternative ramp arrangement is required.

Evaluation

- The use of the site remains unchanged but with improved access to this particular entrance to the location.

Design Principles

Amount

- The new ramp arrangement adheres to the guidance in Part M of the Building Regulations.

Layout

- The ramp is “folded” and has used an area near the door entrance previously allocated to a short stay parking space.

Scale

- The scale of the revised ramp arrangement is minimalist with respect to the existing situation.

Landscaping

- A strip of flower bed parallel to the wall of the building 600mm wide is being surfaced so that the footway can be widened from 1200mm to 1800mm to allow two wheel chairs to pass.

Appearance

- The materials to be used for the proposed ramp will match the materials used in the existing car park as shown on the planning drawings. Corduroy tactile paving strips will be incorporated in the surfacing at the commencement of loping ramps.

Access Principles

- The ramp gradients will be 1:20 and the ramp widths will be 1800mm as recommended in the Building Regulations.

Design Solution

- The ramp has been laid out to minimise the land take from the existing car parking area and to meet gradient and width requirements