

**LANGSTONE TECHNOLOGY PARK
HAVANT, PO9 1SA**

BUILDING 6000 – RECEPTION AREA & FORECOURT REFURBISHMENT

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

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1. Introduction

The southern end of Building 6000 on the Langstone Technology Park provides the main visitor reception to the complex and as the existing hard paving and steps and building façade are those constructed during the early 1970's when the former IBM campus was developed it now suffers from colour fade, a tiredness of appearance with damaged and of poorly matched paving repairs. Fasset, the applicant and management company of Langstone Technology Park are seeking to revitalise both the internal reception area and the immediate external reception approach.

This statement provides supplementary information required as part of the application for planning permission for alterations to the building elevation in the form of a replacement automatic revolving door, decoration of the reception area ground floor window frames and removal of external steps and installation of a ramp with dwarf retaining wall, associated LED lighting, new paving and erection of 6 no 6m high flag poles to the south of Building 6000..

The application includes for advertisement consent in form of flag poles to provide a visual focus from all parts of the car park to identify an important point of entry.

2. Use

The proposal does not affect the existing B1(a) business use of Building 6000 but is part of the on-going modernisation and up-grading of the Langstone Technology Park Campus.

3. Amount

The proposal results in no additional floor space.

4. Layout

The proposal includes for the removal of 2 no. manual revolving doors and replacement with a larger single automatic revolving door and an automatically controlled swing door all contained within a single bay of the original curtain walling glazing system.

The layout of pedestrian routes externally involves the removal of a centrally located flight of steps from the car park level which is approximately 1100mm above finished floor level and the introduction of curved symmetrical ramps which arrive at a central location in front of the new doors. The proposed layout provides access to the primary entry point to the campus for all visitors including wheel chair users.

5. Scale

The design of the new revolving and swing doors to reception are entirely in scale with the existing fenestration in so far as they fit within an existing window module.

6. Parking Provision

Parking provision within the Langstone Technology Park campus is unaffected by this proposal.

7. Employment

Numbers of people employed within the Langstone Technology Park campus is unaffected by this proposal.

8. Landscaping

The oval shaped area contained by the proposed ramp and the existing car park level paving is to be planted with low shrubs of Heather and Broom in a bark mulched bed.

9. Appearance

Fenestration throughout most of the Langstone Technology Park buildings retains the original bronze coloured frames. In order to give visual emphasis to the Building 6000 entrance, the proposal includes for the spraying inside and out of the new doors and existing ground floor window frames forming the entrance lobby in a metallic nickel colour.

Externally the existing blue clay pavers and some of the exposed aggregate paving slabs are to be replaced with a patterned two tone resin bonded paving material. This will provide visual interest whilst simultaneously defining the pedestrian desire lines in a gold fine aggregate within a darker background of terracotta coloured aggregate.

The dwarf retaining wall is to have an exposed aggregate coping beneath which is to be laid LED strip lighting to illuminate the ramp surface.

The 6 no. 6mm high flag staffs are designed to herald the location of the visitor entrance from across the expansive car park.

10. Access

As stated above the proposal provides improved access for wheel chair users between the car park level and entrance level which is not separate from that used by able bodied people as is currently the case.

11. Advertisements

Ground mounted illuminated signs displaying the corporate logo and details of tenants currently occupying space within Langstone Technology Park signs are to be removed as part of the project and 6 no. 6m flag poles are to be erected. Signs required to replace those removed will be subject to a separate application for advertisement consent.