

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT APH2015 AIGBURTH PEOPLES HALL, AIGBURTH VALE, LIVERPOOL L17 0DG	
1	TYPE OF APPLICATION Full Application
2	LOCATION OF PROPOSED APPLICATION Aigburth Peoples Hall, Aigburth Vale, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 0DG
3	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT To remove a small section of boundary wall & hedging fronting Mossley Hill Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool. To fit wrought iron pedestrian access gates & associated external access steps and disability access ramp to gardens & green.
4	DATE OF PREPARATION 11 th December 2014
5	DATE OF ANY AMENDMENTS
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8	ASSESSING THE CONTEXT OF THE SITE <p>The site is occupied by a three storey licensed community building with large grassed garden areas, paved areas and a substantial green for garden activities. The building and gardens and green are all accessed from the Aigburth Vale entrance of the main building.</p> <p>The proposal to fit pedestrian access gates to the main Sefton Park circular carriageway would be extremely beneficial to the community using the building and its grounds; enhance the use of the building by the community at large; make the grounds accessible for disabled users; make use of the newly installed parking bays formed by the council on Mossley Hill Drive and surrounding areas and abate high noise levels near local residences' on Aigburth Vale by providing visitors with an alternative entrance via Sefton Park.</p>
9	DESIGN PRINCIPALS & CONCEPTS APPLIED TO THE PROPOSAL <p>The proposal for fitting pedestrian access gates is predominately to provide effective access for persons entering & leaving the grounds of the building, in particular, for those who are disabled as there is currently no other means for none abled body persons. Also, to abate high noise levels at the Aigburth Vale side entrance which is closer to residents and noise sensitive areas by providing guests with an alternative way to exit the building – an exit away from noise sensitive areas.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to enhance the building by providing a new and more effective Entrance & Exit from the building and grounds for able bodied persons, children and disabled persons.</p> <p>As the building is used by children and adults on a regular basis, it is in the interest of all users of the building to provide sufficient and adequate access. It would also raise awareness of the facilities of the site to the local residents' using Sefton Park for recreation.</p> <p>It is felt that a general improvement of the environment can be achieved by these measures ... care has been taken in designing the gates, ramp and stepped access to maintain the character of the boundary wall & hedging so as not to contrast against the existing walls and to maintain the general tranquillity of the site. Health and safety issues could be addressed by decorative railings on the outside pavement immediately in front of the gates to prevent people/children walking into the road and to prevent vehicles from accessing the site.</p> <p>The existing car parking is unaffected and there is no loss of open space as a result of the alterations. There will likewise be no environmental impact on the surrounding areas. All main services & drainage are all available to the building as is the waste removal which is accommodated by the management. Services and emergency vehicles have an alternative access</p>

	point to the building from the surrounding areas.
10	PHILOSOPHY & APPROACH TO CREATE AN ACCESSIBLE DEVELOPMENT
	The general accessibility to the premises is poor at the moment. The site is situated in a residential location where there is existing on road car parking. The principal is to provide level access, which complies with PART M of the Building Regulations, into the building & grounds, making it all inclusive & compliant with council's accessibility strategy. The building is accessible from all major bus routes.
11	KEY ACCESS ISSUES
	Access to the grounds is not good. There is no level access to all areas from street level at present and this application seeks to address those issues. Contrasting colour schemes will be used at all entrances and exits from the site. Disabled parking is available on the unrestricted roadways.
12	VEHICLE & TRANSPORT LINKS
	The property is situated close to main bus routes and rail routes. There is adequate car parking in the surrounding roadways and immediately in front of the proposed area for the new development.
13	COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING THE ACCESS STATEMENT
	The access statement will be maintained and updated if necessary as the development proceeds and will be given to the end user on completion of the project.
14	DESIGN STANDARDS & GUIDANCE USED TO PREPARE THE DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT
	Design standards used are : Building Regulations 2000 approved document M 2004 Edition BS 8300:2001 PART 5 "Sources of information" of the draft S.P.D. on access for all landscape design Provision of open space in new housing developments & Financial contributions The Good Fencing Guide DCLG Circular 01/2006 The planning system & Crime prevention ODPM/HOME OFFICE 2003