

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Proposed Changing Places Toilet

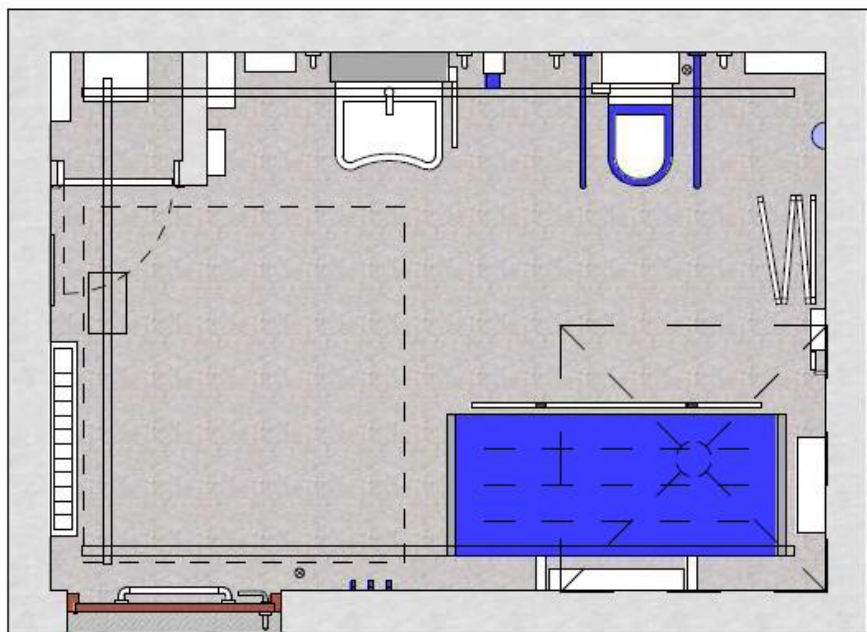
At

National Trust Café,
Staunton Harold,
Calke Road, Melbourne,
Derby, DE73 8DL

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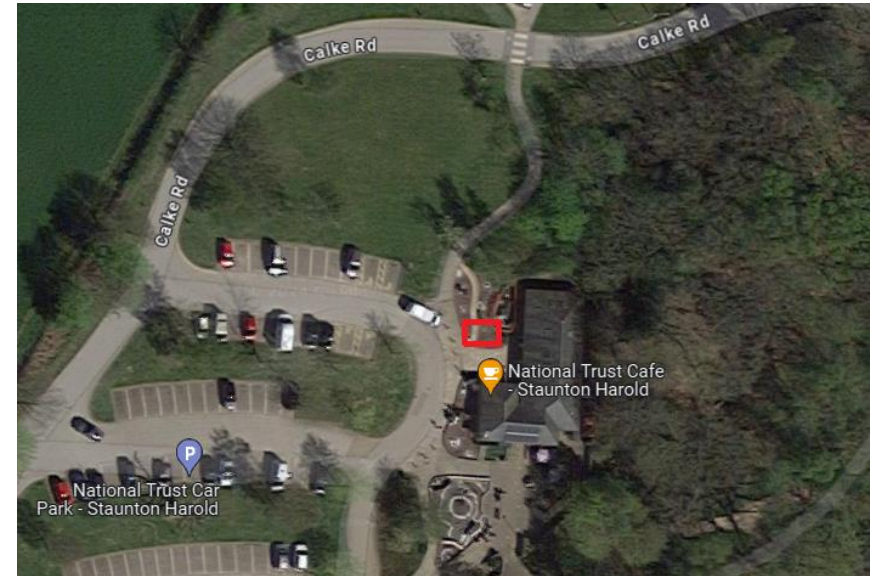
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[1] INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Design and Access statement has been prepared on behalf of Rise Adaptations in support of a Planning Application to South Derbyshire District Council seeking approval for a Changing Places Toilet.
- 1.2 Changing Places Toilets go far beyond the provision of standard accessible toilets. These facilities are solely intended to support the needs of profoundly disabled users who have one or two assistants with them.
- 1.3 This statement describes the matters considered in the design of the scheme and the preparation of the planning application. It should be read in conjunction with the drawings and other associated supporting documents.
- 1.4 The purpose of the development is to provide adequate accessible facilities for visitors to the National Trust café and wider site.



Satellite image of the site and nearby surroundings

[2] WHO USES A CHANGING PLACES TOILET

There are over 11 million people with a limiting long-term illness, impairment or disability in the UK. Research has concluded that there is up to a million disabled users of Changing Place toilets.

The range of people who might use CP toilets include:

- People with profound and multiple learning disabilities
- People with conditions that may affect their movement
- People with head injuries or severe spinal injuries
- People living with stroke
- Older people who require assistance
- Ex-service personnel

People who are unable to transfer independently or have no sitting balance need additional facilities such as a ceiling track hoist to transfer between their wheelchair, the WC and an adult-sized changing bench. Many people with profound and multiple learning disabilities are doubly incontinent and have total dependency on assistants. They need access to facilities where they can be changed with dignity and where assistants are able to use a hoist and other equipment to provide appropriate and safe care.

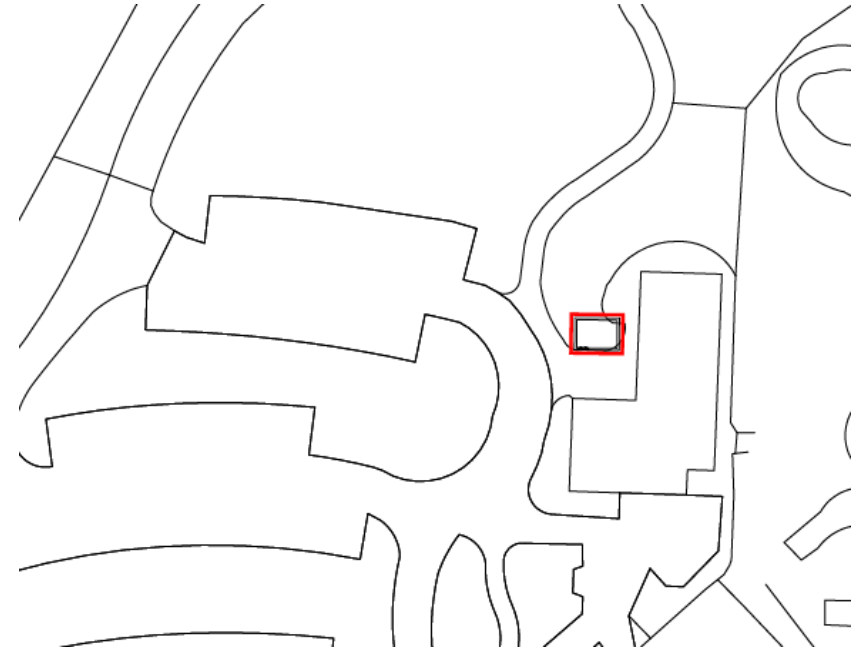
Source: *Changing Places – The Practical Guide*.



Example of a Changing Places Toilet

[3] LOCATION

- 3.1 The proposed site is located within the grounds of Staunton Harold, adjacent to the visitors café and WC facilities.
- 3.2 The site is owned by Severn Trent and cared for in partnership with the National Trust.
- 3.3 The proposed site is located approximately 1 mile from the Market Town of Melbourne.



Site Location

[4] CONTEXT

- 4.1 The proposal will place the facility adjacent to the existing hard standing which provides access to the existing toilets and car parking.
- 4.2 The proposed site is currently made up of bush and shrub planting of low ecological value. The planning application and associated works are exempt from a Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment as the proposed development is less than 25m².
- 4.3 The proposed changing place facility will serve the needs of people with disabilities visiting the National Trust site.
- 4.4 Staunton Harold provides countryside space with wildflower meadows, woodland walks and open water. The inclusion of a Changing Places toilet will enable access for those who would otherwise be unable to experience the benefits of the fresh air, sights and sounds of the countryside, including supporting family members and carers who are often unable to get access to the outdoors just as much as those who they care for.

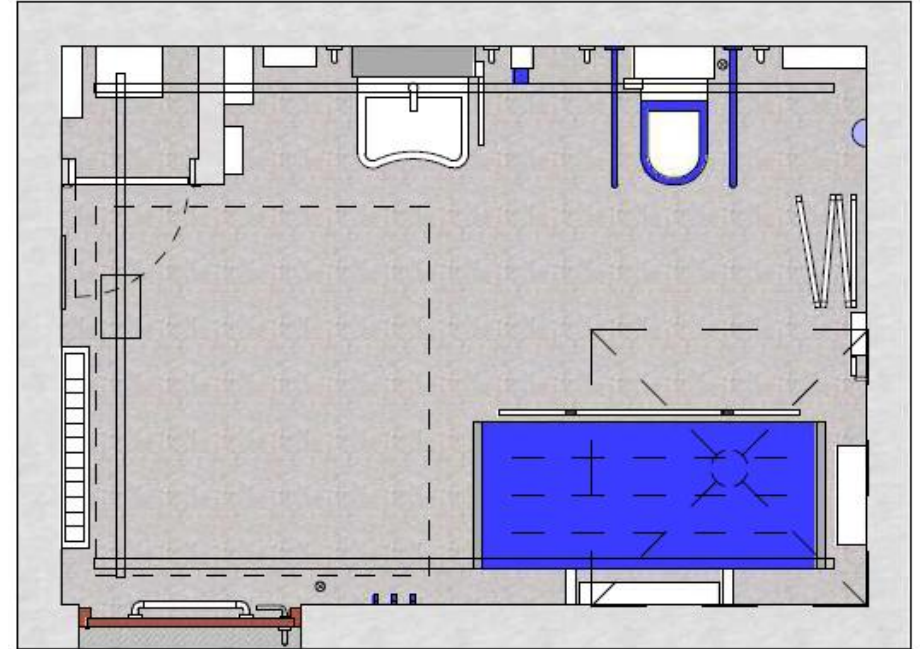


Water Tower at Staunton Harold

[5] PROPOSAL

- 5.1 The proposal is for a 3.5m x 4.8m modular, single story building as per the submitted drawings.
- 5.2 All surface water and foul drainage will connect into existing mains system on site.
- 5.3 Level access will be provided for ease of access into the facility.
- 5.4 The proposal will endeavor to reduce water consumption in line with the local water requirements provided within the local plan. However the Changing Place will need to conform with the requirements of the Changing Places Consortium and these requirements will be a priority.

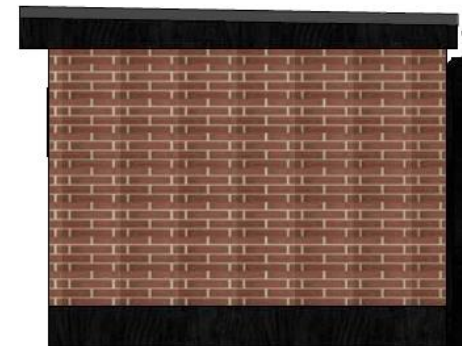
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Proposed floor plan

[6] LAYOUT, SCALE & APPEARANCE

- 6.1 The building will be constructed off-site and brought to site. The building will be of timber frame construction with brick finish – Sanded red mix brick with Cotswold pointing. This has been chosen to blend in with the adjacent building and site. The base board to the external walls will be of timber – colour black.
- 6.2 The building will have a grey EPDM - flat roof system with black timber fascia's and soffits.
- 6.3 Guttering will be black metal, and the waste pipes will be black metal.
- 6.4 The door will be a brown copper colour – RAL 8004, again to suit the adjacent buildings and timber work.
- 6.5 The building will provide WC, shower and changing facilities as indicated.
- 6.6 Level access hard-standing will be provided to the entrance of the changing place.



Proposed front and side elevations

[7] ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

- 7.1 The proposals will improve the accessibility of the National Trust site, this will allow people with disabilities to enjoy the amenities at Staunton Harold.
- 7.2 The location of the Changing Places Toilet has been chosen for its central location to the nearby amenities such as the existing toilets, drainage connections, visitor café, accessible parking and accessible way marked routes.



Site as existing