

Access Statement for Patchwork B&B

Context: The property is in an Edwardian Guesthouse in an elevated position sharing a front hard-surfaced area with neighbouring retail units. The hard surface is used as an informal parking area by customers and is accessed via driving over a kerb at the other end of the row of shops. Beyond this is the public footpath. The main frontage is currently accessed via two steps and a UPVC door, which gives an opening width of 690mm and has a 50mm frame at the bottom forming a potential trip hazard and additional barrier beyond the level of the steps.

Statement of Intent

As a small business wishing to establish itself in the port we wish to offer a friendly service that is responsive to customer needs and thus maximises the business opportunity. We fully intend to comply with all current regulations and good practice. The physical limitations of the building impose some constraints, however it is our intention to make the scheme as accessible as possible in line with local planning policy and disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements. In addition, we intend to ensure that staff are trained in order to ensure an accessible service.

Sources

We have referred to:
Disability Design Standards
Disability Rights Commission (DRC)