

Castle Apartments – Accessibility Statement

Location

The Castle Apartments are situated at Castle Street in the centre of Castletown. With front door access directly onto Castle Street.

There is a large public car park to the rear of the property with a single disabled parking bay adjoining the rear of the property.

The Castle Apartments are situated approximately 4 minutes by car from Ronaldsway Airport. There is also a bus stop within 40 meters from the front door to the property, with a regular service from Douglas and Ronaldsway Airport, as well as various smaller towns.

Layout and Accessibility

The Castle Apartments consist of 5 one bedroom apartments over three floors. There is a one apartment on the ground floor.

The building is a listed property and consequently limits have been placed on the extent to which it could be adapted to provide access to permanent wheel chair users:

- There are three steps from street level leading to the front door.
- There is no lift within the building so access to upper floors is not possible for wheelchair users.
- The patio is located on the first floor which is only accessible through the main staircase.
- Although there is a ramp to the rear of the property, access to the apartments is through the restaurant which, due to operational reasons, is unable to remain open 24 hours per day.

The restaurant has a wheelchair ramp as well as a disabled toilet. Unfortunately it has not been possible to adapt the apartments to accommodate the needs of persons with severe mobility difficulties due to constraints arising from the fact that the building is listed, as well as the very narrow pavement on Castle Street which has made it impossible to construct a ramp at the entrance to the Castle Apartments.