








9.10 Inclusive Design Enabling Works to Deliver Step Free Access to Station

Temporary Station Entrance

The second station entrance gives access to a pedestrian tunnel with stairs which leads to the platforms between the railway tracks which are raised on an embankment. A comprehensive report has been commissioned by the applicant to examine all the options, together with cost estimates, for providing step-free access to the platforms. Please refer to the report for more detail. The conclusion of the report is that it is not possible to provide step free access to the platforms in this proposal. However the current scheme has been designed so that the provision of step free access can be delivered through the use of the second entrance.

The strategy to deliver step free access would be to tunnel into the embankment from Chaseside Avenue and install a lift connecting the new tunnel to the end of the existing platform. The tunnel would also connect to the proposed new station entrance provided in this proposal. The new station entrance could be closed while this connection work is being carried out and temporary passenger access could be provided via the Network Rail service corridor which would become a temporary entrance to the stairwell while liftworks were completed.

-  Step free access to platforms via tunnel and lift
-  Step free drop off zone.
-  New Station Entrance
-  Embankment
-  Temporary Station Access
-  Existing Staff Room and Equipment
-  Network Rail Access to Roof

