

CASE STUDY

Planning

The Tabernacle, Hastings



The Tabernacle, Hastings, a Victorian church building in a Conservation Area, this building had been used continuously since its construction in 1854. Most of the interior features were removed in the 1970s when a suspended ceiling was introduced to the main hall, which can be seen clearly through the tall lancet windows to the front elevation.

The brief was to address the stepped access into the building which did not comply with current Building Regulations or with the Equality Act 2010.

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Previous attempts to provide access for wheelchair users had left a large step from the pavement up into the porch that was accessed via portable ramps when required. These needed to be positioned on the pavement and presented a trip hazard to passers-by when being used.

Our proposals were to create a new ramp from the highest point of the pavement into the side of the existing porch. This would mean making structural alterations to the eaves to create sufficient head room but would allow the front elevation to remain intact. Planning permission was granted in 2020 and the project is out to tender at this time.



North Elevation