

Disabled Access

Policy No 2

The Trust is committed, as far as is possible, to the provision of an inclusive environment¹ in all of its public spaces.

Aims

The Trust aims to allow the fullest possible use of the canal corridor by people with any form of disability² by providing suitable access points and other facilities where possible.

The Trust aims to incorporate suitable facilities to accommodate disabilities into all new buildings and where possible into refurbished buildings.

Written with reference to the following documents.

Equality Act 2010

Available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>

Disability Rights Commission publications. Available at <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com>

Code of Practice: Rights of Access; services to the public, public authority functions, private clubs and premises. Making access to goods and services easier for disabled customers.

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1 An inclusive environment is one that can be used by everyone, regardless of age, gender or disability. It is made up of many elements such as society's and individual's attitudes, the design of products and communications and the design of the built environment itself. It recognises and accommodates differences in the way people use the built environment and provides solutions that enable all of us to participate in mainstream activities equally, independently, with choice and with dignity.

From - Planning and Access for disabled people: A good practice guide, available at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7776/156681.pdf

2 Disability: "any restriction or lack (resulting from any impairment) of ability to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being". World Health Organisation 1976(1).