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# Design and Access Statement

## Sussex Yacht Club, Southwick, Brighton, East Sussex, BN42 4AW

This proposal seeks approval for the "Removal of existing ground floor WC and shower provision. Relocate Shower and WC to first floor and replacement stairs. All to be removed are modern additions and located within the old grain store not forming part of the listing".

The Sussex Yacht Club was established in 1892 by a group of yachting enthusiasts to further the sport of yachting and cruising and is now one of the oldest sailing clubs in the UK. Sussex yacht club is one of the most established yacht clubs in Sussex with enthusiastic racing and rallying fleets, a dinghy section where particular attention is given to youth sailors, a rapidly growing Stand Up Paddleboard section and a very enthusiastic outrigger canoe team. They are also very proud to have set up Sussex Sailability that encourages and supports disabled people to take up sailing, develop skills and gain qualifications.

The current provisions are unsuitable for the premises and in poor condition and offer substandard accommodation for the users. The WC to be removed are formed of modern painted concrete block and rendered block work. The current area is poorly ventilated and offers minimal privacy.

There remains a fully accessible shower and toilet provision on the ground floor for the clubs thriving "Saiability" campaign and membership.

The existing kitchen to be removed is a modern addition, completely unused and of poor quality. The internal walls to be removed are of a similar era constructed of lightweight matchboard. The club no longer requires a kitchen and the bar facilities and fridges adequately provide this service.

The proposed showers and WC will provide a much improved and more acceptable shoreside provisions for that of berth holders, members, youth members and travelling yachtsman. There would be no external alterations but the glazing would be replaced with obscured single glazing to match the existing and to ensure privacy.

The stairs currently installed are a modern addition, the proposed replacement aims to improve access to all.

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