Western Sussex Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Southlands Hospital
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Design & Access Statement

Proposed Temporary Medical Record Storage
& Sound Studio
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INTRODUCTION:

The Western Sussex Hospitals (NHS) Trust is main provider of primary health care to the West Sussex area and consists of Worthing Hospital in Worthing, St Richards Hospital in Chichester & Southlands Hospital in Shoreham-by-Sea. This statement has been prepared in support of the construction of a temporary single storey building for the Trust on their site at Southlands Hospital in Upper Shoreham Road. This building will provide storage for patient medical records, plus sound studios for the South Coast Radio service.

REQUIREMENTS:

Over the past few years, the Trust has maintained a policy of upgrading & modernization to fulfill its requirements to provide high quality care to its patients. At present, the existing site at Southlands Hospital is entering a period of radical change to both, renew, revitalise & improve the level of service to the patients attending the hospital. This change is being made possible by a combination of the disposal of a large area of the existing site, including the buildings and/or rationalizing services with Worthing Hospital nearby. This process of change is at present the subject of consultation by both the Trust and Adur District Council.

In order to progress with these planned changes, the existing Harness building is being progressively emptied and closed down. Therefore, temporary accommodation is required for the safe, secure storage of patient medical records and also operational space for the radio sound studio.

PROPOSAL:

The application proposes the construction of a single storey building on an existing car parking area adjacent to the R&R North building and the main corridor/lift area. (See Appendix Photos 1-4). This building will be temporary and it is envisaged that the period of use will be 5 years

The proposed building will be of modular style construction supplied by Wernicks Buildings Ltd (or similar), with Plastisol external finish in Albatross Grey & Agriflex skirting at lower levels. The roof will be a composite profile roof at 1.5deg pitch also in Albatross Grey. The fascias will be Slate blue wil uPVC rainwater goods. This will create 8nr additional rooms, of which the largest area will be for the secure storage of patient medical records. Rooms are also to be formed for its associated admin staff. The proposed building will linked into the existing main corridor of the hospital at the location of an entrance way that was previously in-filled at sometime in the past.

The building is to be located approx. 6m from the existing R&R North building to protect underground utilities running alongside it. It will also be approx. 9.5m from the main corridor to allow the building to be constructed in such a way as to lessen the damage to the existing car park. This will also maintain sufficient space around the proposed building, allowing natural daylight and ventilation to the existing buildings around it. 2nr delivery entrance/exits are to be provided at the Northern end of the building, which will also act as proposed emergency doors in the event of fire. Ramps and handrails are to be provided as shown to facilitate these entrances.

SITE & SURROUNDINGS.

The site area lies within an existing car parking area which in turn lies well within the boundaries of land owned by the Western Sussex Hospitals Trust. The Southlands site covers a total area of some 4.24ha. and serves Shoreham-by-Sea and its surrounding areas.

The existing R&R North block is located on the Eastern side of the car park and comprises a mainly single storey structure of facing brickwork and built up felt/membrane roof construction. The block provides a number of different patient services such as Outpatients, Imaging and Maxillo-Facial Care as well as others. The Main Corridor is located to the South of the car park and is of a glazed curtain wall type construction linking both R&R North, Day Services Unit and Pharmacy to the Harness building.

As stated above, at some stage in the past, an entrance into the main corridor was integral within the glazed curtain walling. This was in-filled to match when the new main entrance was constructed.

The site has been updated on a regular basis to keep up with the growing needs of the local community and also the requirements of the NHS and Local Health Authority, with the most recent being the refurbishment of the Day Services Unit.

It is envisaged, that after the now redundant buildings on the Western side of the site are disposed of, the remaining buildings, i.e. R&R North & South Blocks, The Day Services Unit, Theatres & Pharmacy will be re-furbished to improve an already high standard of care.

The Western Sussex Hospitals Trust has a policy of continuing to evolve and adapt to suit future needs.

APPENDIX:

1. Car park & R&R North, facing East



2. Junction of R&R North & Main Corridor





3. Location of old entrance

4. Arial View of Site Area

