# DISABILITIES TRUST

## WHO WE ARE?

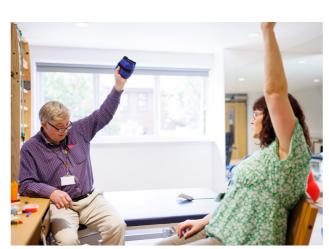
The Disabilities Trust is the largest charitable provider of brain injury services in the UK. Over the last 40 years we have developed our pathways to support adults with acquired brain injury, neurological conditions, and complex physical disabilities. We offer a range of specialist residential, hospital and community-based services all of which deliver high quality rehabilitation and support for people across the UK, 97% of our neurological services are rated as good or above by CQC and regulators.

Our highly skilled multi-disciplinary teams work across our settings, delivering rehabilitation prescriptions, enabling individuals to live as independently as possible and to assist people to develop their lives as they choose.

In addition to our operational delivery, the Disabilities Trust has been at the forefront of research to improve the lives of adults with an acquired brain injury and that of their families. We have introduced tools such as the BISI (brain injury screening index) and brain injury training has been developed and delivered to over 1,000 professionals. More recently, The Disabilities Trust has successfully gained a commitment from the government to support the development of an ABI strategy.













## **OUR VISION**

Our vision is a world where life after brain injury is a life well lived.

#### **OUR VALUES AND CHARITABLE AIMS?**

Everyone at The Disabilities Trust is different, but we all share these values. Because whatever role we are in, we share the same fearless commitment to those with a brain injury and their supporters.

- We are Agile.
- We are Resourceful.
- We are Courageous.
- We are Connected.
- We have Heart.

#### STAFFING AT THE NIGHTINGALE?

The Disabilities Trust employs over 1,500 clinical and support staff, includiing neuropsychologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech and language therapists and rehabilitation support workers.

The site will be staffed 24/7 led by a specialist Registered Manager who would be supported by a Regional Manager and the Head of Nursing. In addition there will be an Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist, Physiotherapist and Rehab/Neuro Support Workers providing support to the residents.

## **LANDSCAPING**

External spaces around the building will be key in providing an attractive setting for the building. The design aims to provide:

- Clearly defined paths with seating areas
- Variety of spaces with different characters and functions, providing sunny and shaded seating, and raised beds for outdoor learning
- Opportunities for active uses such as gardening, socialising, and outdoor dining.
- Sensory features such as scented planting, wildlife feeders
- Protection of existing important trees and vegetation
- Enhancement of landscaping to New Road
- Re-organisation of parking area







# SUSTAINABILITY

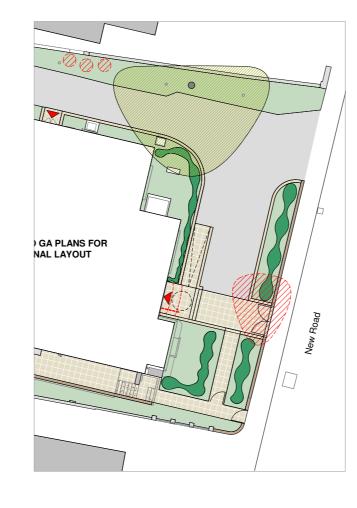
The key approach in terms of sustainability at the site is the retention of the existing building creating a lower embodied carbon approach. In addition to this we will be looking to minimise energy loss through the fabric with upgrades to thermal elements where feasible. We are also looking at incorporating the following sustainability measures:

- Renewable energy sources
- Mechanical ventilation and heat recovery system
- Enhancing biodiversity through increased planting and improving habitats
- Cycle parking
- Use of sustainable materials

# PARKING & ACCESS

It is proposed to remove the current in/out arrangement to the front of the property due to poor visibility and safety for pedestrians. The front of the building will have space for drop off and deliveries only.

Vehicular and cycle parking will be provided on site to the rear of the building where the current parking is located. In line with policy ten vehicular spaces are proposed with two of them being disabled parking spaces. This is appropriate for this type of development where car ownership is low and provision is predominantly for staff.



# CONSTRUCTION

The project team will do everything they can to minimise disruption during the construction of the building. The site will be carefully managed in adherence with health and safety guidance in terms of working hours and noise and dust levels. Residents will be kept informed throughout the build of key stages in order that disruption can be kept to a minimum.

