Bletchley Park Trust

Access Report for The Fellowship Auditorium and Block E Learning Centre

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Introduction

In addition to the general areas open to visitors of Bletchley Park, the site also contains Block E Learning Centre and The Fellowship Auditorium.

These two areas are a recent addition to the Park's facilities and have been created following renovation of existing original wartime buildings with minimal additions.

The Learning Centre is primarily for the use of educational and family activities, whereas the Fellowship Auditorium is used for Bletchley Park events, including private events.

Block E Learning Centre opened in June 2023 and can cater to up to 530 students and accompanying adults per day.

The Fellowship Auditorium opened in October 2023 and is a purpose-built venue, consisting of the Diesel House reception area, a 250-seater lecture theatre, and the Radley Room, a social gathering and catering area.

The surrounding areas of these building are on a slight slope. Artificial lighting in the area is provided by streetlamps with halogen and fluorescent bulbs.



Coach Bays for Block E Learning Centre and The Fellowship Auditorium

The building has two purpose-built coach bays situated parallel to the Learning Centre and the Fellowship Auditorium. The coach bays are made of permeable material and allow vehicles to park near the adjacent footways. The footways and coach bays are both at road surface level. The footways are wide concrete surfaces that allow easy access to the buildings.



Coach Bay 1 (outside Block E Learning Centre)



Coach Bay 2 (outside The Fellowship Auditorium)

Parking for The Fellowship Auditorium and Block E Learning Centre

General parking is available in the car park near the main entrance to Bletchley Park, or in Block F car park near the Fellowship Auditorium.

There are four disabled parking spaces opposite the main entrance of The Fellowship Auditorium, across the roadway. The spaces are standard 240cm x 480cm. There is also 120cm space on each side to allow passengers to alight from both sides of a vehicle.

There are drop kerbs either side of the roadway. Visitors with access needs can be dropped off directly in front of the building where there are no kerbs, using the coach bay.





BLOCK E LEARNING CENTRE

The Learning Centre contains eight bespoke learning rooms and a large dining area. The building has three levels: ground floor, mezzanine floor and first floor. The paths around the building are all either paved or concrete.



Entrance

The Learning Centre can be entered through the front, by the coach bays, or from the back, from the rest of Bletchley Park through Block A or Block B lobby. The entrance paths to the building are all paved. The entrance doors are set to automatic the majority of the time.

The Block E Learning Centre front entrance is behind a fence with secure gates. Access to the area can either be through the front arch, by the Learning Reception Office, or by the gates next to Coach Bay 1. The path through the front arch has a slight downslope and has handrails. The front entrance is step free.



The front arch entrance of Block E Learning Centre



The main entrance to Block E Learning Centre



The entrance to Rooms 4 and 5

The back entrance, from Block A or B, can be accessed either by a step-free route, with a slight downslope, or by going down a set of three steps and then eight steps, both with handrails. The surface leading from Block B lobby is slightly uneven.

Leaving Block A toward the Learning Centre



Leaving The Learning Centre towards Block A



Step free path to back entrance of Block E Learning Centre





Path from Block B Lobby



Inside Block E Learning Centre

Once inside, the ground floor is fully accessible. The mezzanine level and first floor can be accessed via a wheelchair accessible lift (Max weight 410kg/Width 90cm/Depth 150cm) or stairs, 12 steps to the mezzanine floor and four steps to the first floor, all with handrails.

The whole building is evenly lit by natural, LED and fluorescent lighting.



Stairs from ground floor to mezzanine floor, including lift.



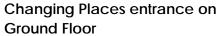
Stairs from mezzanine floor to first floor, including lift.

Toilets

There are 28 gender neutral standard toilets, three accessible toilets, four ambulant toilets, one baby change and one Changing Places facility available. All of these are for the sole use of Learning Centre visitors, except for the Changing Places toilet which is available to all visitors to Bletchley Park.

The Changing Places facility is accessible via both the Block A and Block B lobbies. There are several signs giving clear directions to its location. NB This facility is open to all those visiting Bletchley Park. This includes access while Learning groups are using the Centre.







Inside the Changing Places

Details of accessible toilets

	Door Clearance	Level Entry to Toilet	Space Next to Toilet	Grab Bars	Red Alarm Cord	Lighting	Floor	Other
Block E Ground Floor Accessible Toilet by Room 1	90cm	~	97cm	Yes, either side and next to sink – shelf to left of toilet.	>	LED	Stone non- slip	Lever taps on sink.
Block E Ground Floor Accessible Toilet by Room 4	90cm	✓	87cm	Yes, either side and next to sink – shelf to left of toilet.	√	LED	Stone non- slip	Lever taps on sink.
Block E First Floor Accessible Toilet by Room 9	90cm	~	97cm	Yes, either side and next to sink – shelf to left of toilet.	~	LED	Stone non- slip	Lever taps on sink.
Block E Changes Places	130cm	✓	82cm	Yes, either side and next to sink – shelf to left of toilet	~	LED	Stone non- slip	Lever taps on sink.

The Quiet Room

On the Ground Floor of the Learning Centre there is a designated Quiet Room.

The Quiet Room is furnished similarly to a living room, with seating, beanbags and rugs. The room can be lit in a variety of ways, including with sensory lighting. There is also a large selection of sensory resources to use.





THE FELLOWSHIP AUDITORIUM

The Fellowship Auditorium is a purpose-built venue consisting of the Diesel House reception area, a 250-seater lecture theatre, and the Radley Room, the primary function of which is a social gathering and catering area.



Entrance

The path to the entrance to the Fellowship Auditorium is paved, with a slight downslope towards the doors.

Inside

The building is completely accessible with everything situated on one floor. The flooring is either stone or wood.

Entry to all areas within the Fellowship Auditorium is via double doors except for the toilet corridors. Access to the Diesel House reception measures 160cm. Access to the lecture theatre measures 126cm. Access to the ground floor corridor where the accessible toilet is situated measures 100cm.



The Diesel House reception area is open, with stone flooring. The counters are at a low and accessible height for those in wheelchairs. There is seating available in this area. The doors are automatic.

The Lecture Theatre

The auditorium is situated on the ground floor and is accessed through two sets of double doors, one immediately opposite the reception area and the other down the corridor. Once inside the auditorium there are stairs leading up to tiered seating. There is seating available on the floor level with spaces for wheelchairs.





The Corridor



The corridor is level with stone flooring. It leads from the reception area to the auditorium doors, the toilets and the Radley Room. There is bench seating all along the corridor.

The Radley Room

The Radley Room is the event and catering space. It is a wide room with wooden parquet flooring. There are pillars in the room. The room can be set up in a variety of ways.



Toilets

The ground floor has 5 standard toilets, 1 ambulant toilet and 1 accessible toilet. On the first floor there are 6 standard toilets and 1 ambulant toilet available.

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Ground Floor				Yes, either				
Accessible	90cm	✓	91cm	side and next	✓	LED	Stone non-	Lever taps on
Toilet				to sink – shelf			slip	sink
				to left of				
				toilet.				