

ACCESS STATEMENT

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

The Dans Le Noir ? management team acknowledges that due to the structure of the building and inability of implementing structural changes, access to all areas of the premises is limited for some users with mobility constraints.

Reasonable adjustments have been made and, upon contacting our team, further solutions can be discussed so to provide our customers with bespoke arrangements.

Dans le Noir ? is located in London's Farringdon area, within walking distance from the tube/train station, giving our guests access to the Circle, Metropolitan, and Hammersmith and City lines. There are also various local bus lines situated close to the restaurant.

The restaurant entrance is located on the ground floor and faces the main street, St. John Street.

Main entrance

There are two steps at the main entrance on St. John Street. Arrangements can be made to allow access to wheelchair users should it be required. Please contact our team for suitable adjustments to be made in order to ensure a comfortable arrival. A portable ramp can be placed onto the main street and, along with assistance; wheelchair users can easily access the ground floor restaurant dining area.

The entrance leads to the main restaurant which, on the ground floor, is laid out across an open space plan.

The restaurant has wood and tile flooring and is spread across two floors, with a basement level in addition.

The first floor and basement level do not have elevator access and are accessible by staircase only.

The first floor dining area is laid out across an open space plan.

Sanitary Facilities

There are toilet facilities located on the basement level and ground floor level. The basement facilities are accessible via staircase only.

The facilities located on the ground floor provide access to wheelchair users and the entrance door to the facilities is 670mm wide.

Due to the structure of the building and layout of the premises, the accessible toilet area is not large enough for a wheelchair to fully turn around once inside. Some wheelchairs may not fit the door due to the limited width mentioned above.

However, we are able to provide a foldable wheelchair wide enough to enter through the door. Once inside, users must request assistance to be pulled back out of the facility, as the current space does not allow for a wheelchair to fully turn around.

Wheelchair specifications are as follow:

Max user weight: 115kg

Seat width: 45cm

Seat depth: 39cm

Seat height: 48cm

In the toilet area, support handrails and side bars are in place to provide added assistance for guests with mobility issues.

Should users wish to do so, assistance can be provided to enter and exit the sanitary facilities. A member of staff will provide assistance as required.

The toilet height is 450mm from the ground and has a back rest. A red chord for assistance request hangs from the ceiling – if pulled, an alert system will be activated, and a member of staff will attend immediately. This mechanism can also be used to request assistance to exit the toilet.

Restaurant Furniture

The tables of the restaurant have an approximate height of 740mm, while the chairs are of 530mm.

There are no steps throughout the restaurant dining areas, besides the staircase used to access the first floor and the basement level.

Wheelchair users who are not able to access the First Floor dining area will be directed to use the Ground Floor space. Any other customer with mobility impairments will be advised to make use of this area as well.

Across all areas, chairs can be swapped or completely removed depending on guests' individual needs. Moreover, additional chairs may be placed for added support if needed.

Restaurant Lighting

During the dining experience, the restaurant areas will not be lit. However, panic switches are in place and will light the dining room within three seconds. A voice message will sound to warn guests of the lighting systems turning on. Our members of staff are fully trained onto when to active the relevant alarms.

The toilet areas and corridors are maintained lit throughout the experience, on all floors.

Should wheelchair users or guests will mobility constraints require the use of the facilities during the dining experience, a member of staff will provide guests with the assistance.

Premises evacuation

The restaurant staff is trained in the evacuation of the building and detailed fire risk assessments and first aid needs assessments have been carried out.

Specific Emergency Evacuation Plans are in place for guests with mobility issues and for wheelchair users.

Our team will provide a safety briefing prior to the commencement of the experience to all diners, so to ensure that any access needs are suitably assessed.

Please contact a member of staff prior to your visit should you require further information – Our ground floor dining room is usually open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only and is subject to availability.

Premises Visual Layout

The below diagram is the layout of the Ground Floor restaurant space. Emergency exits on the ground floor are easily reachable. Guests with mobility constraints will be given priority upon evacuating the building in case of an emergency and will be briefed upon entering the restaurant.

The most significant access points are indicated as per the below:

1. **Main entrance** – accessible via two steps or by the placement of a portable ramp
2. **Accessible toilet** – accessible via wheelchair, but without the ability of fully turning around within
3. **Staircase** – access to basement level
4. **Staircase** – access to first floor dining area

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