

BULLETIN ON PLOT ACCESS

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Plot Access

Safe access to plots is required for the installation and dismantling of Access Platform Decking systems. This means the access point to the plot needs to remain unobstructed whilst operatives are working.

System operatives often attend sites where their access is obstructed by scaffolding, or they are expected to access the plot through windows etc. This creates a hazard and puts the operative at risk of injury due to additional manual handling and climbing over / through obstructions.

Clients should ensure that:

- Clear, trip free access to the plot is maintained throughout the installation and dismantling of the system
- A pre-arranged and agreed offload area is required to allow for materials to be safely unloaded / loaded
- Ground floor access should be via slope of no more than 10 degrees or steps no greater than 225mm in rise
- Plot should be free of debris
- Ground floor access should be installed prior to the 1st lift scaffold being erected
- If scaffolding has already been installed, a reasonable sized opening should be provided for the size of the system components being installed / dismantled (see Figure 1).

Early engagement between the Client and the Access Platform System installer / dismantler will help to ensure works are planned and executed in a safe manner.

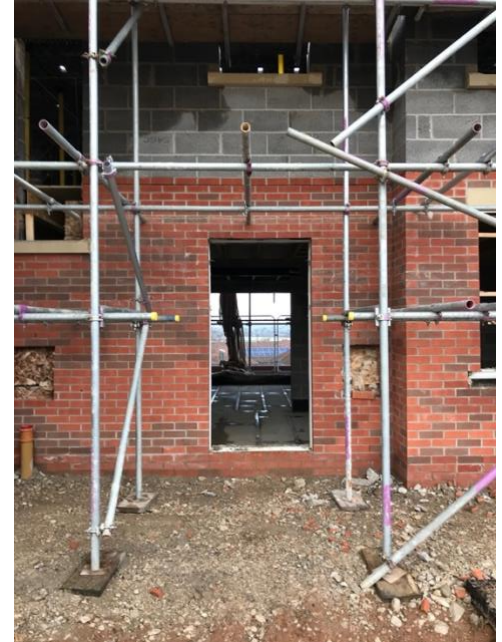


Figure 1. Example of clear access provided through erected scaffolding



Figure 2. Example of compromised access due to 1st lift scaffold being erected prior to Access Platform Decking system installation

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