



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.

Introduction

7 Aspire Holiday Apartment is located in the Aspire Building in the centre of the city of York. The Aspire Building is a mixed-use development including a retail unit on the ground floor (Sainsburys Local), commercial offices on the first floor, and 12 residential units on the second and third floors. The apartment is located on the third floor and enjoys bi-aspect views; to the south the apartment overlooks St Mary's Abbey walls on the other side of Bootham, and to the east, views of York Minster over the roofs of properties on Gillygate. The upper floors of the Aspire Building are accessed via a ground floor lobby off Bootham and a lift and stairwell; the residential units are accessed via open-air walkways.

The apartment comprises an open plan living area that combines kitchen, dining and lounge facilities, two bedrooms, a main bathroom and an en suite shower room to the main bedroom. The layout of the apartment is shown overleaf.

Pre-Arrival

Directions for travel by road, rail or air are automatically provided to guests with the Arrival Instructions that are forwarded to all guests approximately one month prior to arrival. Guests wishing to access these directions prior to this should email the owner at admin@7aspire.co.uk.

Guests arriving by rail or coach at York railway station have the option of making their own way to the Aspire Building or catching a taxi. The route from the station is a distance of 850m and involves gentle downhill and uphill sections when crossing the River Ouse; there is a pedestrian pavement covering the whole distance. York Station Taxis operate a fleet of wheelchair friendly vehicles that can carry 4 other passengers when transporting one wheelchair user; customers requiring such a vehicle are requested to contact the taxi office on +44 1904 623332.

Car Parking



The Aspire Building sits adjacent to the Bootham Row public car park operated by York City Council; rental of the apartment includes the use of a parking permit that allows free parking for one vehicle.

The Bootham Row car park has designated disabled parking spaces (highlighted in green), the nearest of which is 80m from the front door of the Aspire Building. The car park is level and well lit.

Whilst it is rare that spaces are not available in Bootham Row car park, the nearest alternative parking is at Union Terrace car park, some 400m away from the Aspire Building at the northern end of Gillygate. There is no on-street car parking available within 800m of the Aspire Building, and thereafter, most street parking is restricted to residents displaying residents' parking tickets.

The free parking permit may also be used at any of the York City Council operated car parks, which may be of use to guests visiting attractions such as the Castle Museum on the other side of the city centre.

Arrival

All guests are met in person by the Housekeeper, who will wait at the front door of the Aspire Building for guests to arrive; guests arriving by car will be issued the parking permit at this point. On arrival guests will be escorted up to the apartment, issued two sets of keys, and be shown around.

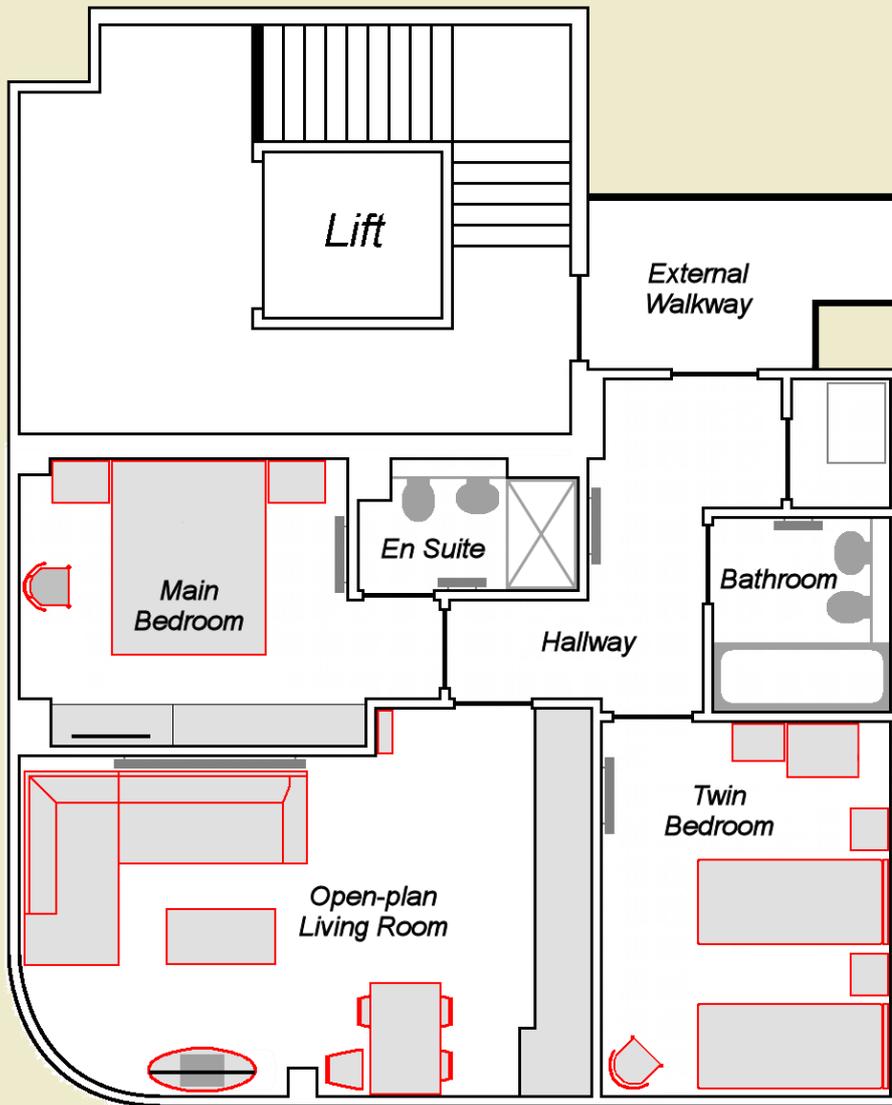
There is a level threshold through the 33"/85cm wide doorway from the street into the Aspire Building lobby. In addition to the six flights of stairs to the third floor, there is a single four-person lift. The third floor residential units are accessed via an open-air walkway; access to the walkway includes a 33"/85cm wide doorway and a single 5"/13cm step down. Access to No 7 is through a similar 33"/85cm wide doorway and a single 5"/13cm step up (see photograph).



Property Details

Hallway	Doorways to Living Area, Double Bedroom, Twin Bedroom and Family Bathroom; all openings are 31"/79cm wide. Carpet flooring. Coat hooks adjacent to front door. Cupboard containing boiler, electrical consumer unit, vacuum cleaner, ironing board and steam iron. Smoke alarm.
Kitchen Area	Wooden flooring. Worktop 35"/89cm high. Built-in kitchen units include: Fridge/Freezer (Freezer opening from 12"/30cm to 42"/107cm, Fridge opening from 46"/117cm to 75"/190cm), low-level Oven/Grill, high-level Microwave oven 55"/140cm, front-loading Dishwasher, front-loading Washer/Dryer, Sink in worktop, Induction Hob in worktop. Toaster and kettle. Cutlery, crockery, cookware, utensils and glassware. Heat alarm.
Dining Area	Wooden flooring. Table with 4 chairs, with free access for a wheelchair at the end of the table. Table height 30"/76cm.
Lounge Area	Carpet flooring. Leather L-shaped sofa/chaise longue provides seating for 4/5. Coffee table/storage unit containing board games and cards. High definition flat-screen 3D TV with associated 3D Blu-ray Player and remote controls, and TV stand/cupboard containing 4 pairs 3D glasses, mobile device induction charging pad, wi-fi and broadband modem. Bookcase containing a selection of books, Blu-ray and DVD disks, suitable for a variety of ages. Guest Information folder. Ceiling fan with remote control. High-level air conditioning unit with remote control.
Main Bedroom	Carpet flooring. King-size double bed (5'/150cm wide, 21"/54cm high). 2-drawer bedside cabinets with touch control bedside lamps. Built-in wardrobes/drawer units. High definition flat-screen TV. Doorway to En Suite Shower room 28"/71cm opening. Ceiling fan with remote control. High-level air conditioning unit with remote control.
En Suite Shower	Ceramic tile flooring. Wall-hung toilet 16"/42cm. Wall-hung wash basin 33"/84cm. Fully enclosed shower with sliding door with 18"/46cm opening and 9"/23cm step. Towel rails. Shelf behind/above toilet/wash basin. There are no handrails or supports fitted. There is limited free floor space.
Twin Bedroom	Carpet flooring. 2 single beds (3'/90cm wide, 21"/54cm high), 3-drawer bedside cabinets with touch control bedside lamps. Freestanding wardrobe and 5-drawer tallboy. Ceiling fan with remote control. High-level air conditioning unit with remote control.
Bathroom	Ceramic tile flooring. Wall-hung toilet 16"/42cm. Wall-hung wash basin 33"/84cm. Bath with built-in shower over and side screen. Towel rails. Shelf behind/above toilet/wash basin. There are no handrails or supports fitted. There is large area of free floor space (~4'/120cm by ~5'/150cm).

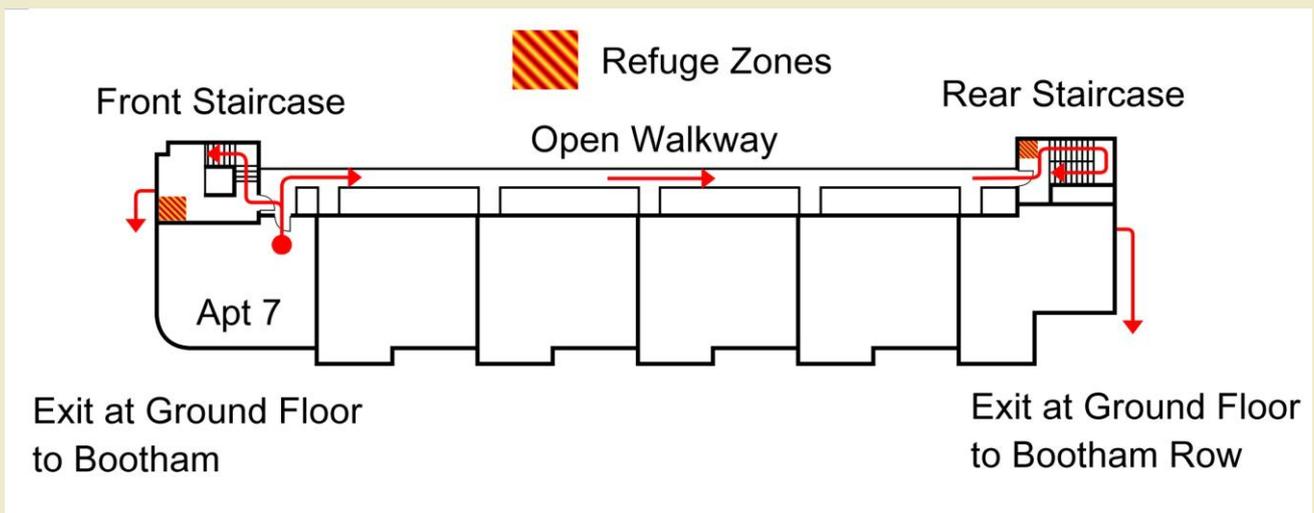
Room Layout



Building Evacuation in the Event of Fire

The Aspire Building is fitted with two fire-protected escape routes, one at each end of the building, including emergency lighting, both leading to final exits at ground floor level. On initiation of a Building fire alarm, all electronic locks in the building are disabled; the lift automatically returns to the ground floor, the lift door opens, and the lift cannot be recalled to an upper floor.

The Building is fitted with Refuge zones at each floor of both escape routes; the Refuge zones are fitted with call systems that automatically identify the specific location to emergency services.



Additional Information

Heating is provided by a combination of an air exhaust heat exchange boiler, feeding individual water-filled radiators in each room, and an air source heat inverter, providing heat via the internal air conditioning units.

Lighting throughout the apartment is provided by LED and CFT down-lighters, augmented with low-voltage halogen lamps.

The kitchen is fitted with an induction hob. Guests with a cardiac pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator should seek their doctor's advice before using an induction hob.

There is no land-line telephone connection provided, though there is very good coverage provided by the major mobile network providers. The wi-fi/broadband connection provides up to 40 Mbps download speeds via a fibre-optic connection.

The apartment is provided with the following initial supplies: dishwasher tablets and rinse aid, washing machine detergent tablets, salt/pepper/vinegar, milk/tea bags/sugar, individual shampoo/conditioner/shower gel, toilet paper, tissues

There is no smoking permitted in the apartment or in the communal areas of the Aspire Building.

Assistance Dogs

There are no pets permitted in the apartment, however, guests travelling with qualified assistance dogs are welcome. A photograph of the pages in the yellow Assistance Dogs ID Booklet detailing the dog's and owner's details, and the dog's training organisation, will need to be provided before any booking can be accepted.



Shopmobility

[Shopmobility](#) is a Registered Charity which hires out electric scooters, wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs to anybody who needs one to enable them to enjoy the shops and attractions of the City of York. Equipment can be rented by visitors to York including occupants of hotels and holiday accommodation.

Normally overnight visitor rentals are restricted to properties inside the city walls, but we have negotiated rental approval for occupants of 7 Aspire. It is not possible to manoeuvre the larger scooters into the apartment itself, though storage in the secure garage area of the Aspire Building on the ground floor, or adjacent to the lift entry on the third floor, is possible. In this event it is essential that only those electric units with removable batteries are hired, as overnight charging would need to be completed inside the apartment.

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