

## ACCESS STATEMENT

### Statement of Policy

The Museum of Cambridge is committed to providing access for everyone regardless of ability, age, gender, cultural or social background, sexual orientation, faith, language, location or wealth, by minimising, removing, or overcoming barriers that can prevent people from engaging with our buildings, collections, website, socials, and staff.

### Aims and Objectives

It is our aim to:

- Ensure the Museum meets its obligations under the Equality Act (2010) by doing what is reasonably possible to ensure the museum is accessible to the widest range of people. An example is we provide free entry for those with disabilities, carers, and young children, and provide free events online and onsite whenever possible.
- Actively include accessibility in everything we do to improve and develop our services and site.

### Access to Site and Collections

The Museum is committed to maximising access by considering the following

- Physical accessibility: The ability of people with physical disabilities will be engaged with the museum as much as is reasonably possible. The needs of the elderly and of people caring for young children are considered as physical access issues.
- Sensory accessibility: Those with impaired vision or hearing should be able to enjoy and appreciate the building, exhibitions, collections, and online content.
- Intellectual access: Whether those with learning disabilities and special educational needs can engage with and enjoy the museum, exhibitions, collections, and online content.
- Cultural access: Facilitating the needs of those with limited or no English, or whose background knowledge of English history and culture may be limited.
- Emotional and attitudinal access: Whether the museum environment, staff, and volunteers are welcoming to visitors from all sections of the community.
- Financial: Whether the admission prices, fees, and stock are maintained at an affordable level and that there are concessions made to this where appropriate.

We will pay due regard to intergenerational equality. The rights of future generations to enjoy access to our present collection are safeguarded by high standards of collection care and where necessary by restrictions on handling, or exposure to light, moisture, or other harmful environmental conditions.

The Museum is open to the public on a regular basis.

### Review

The Access Statement will be reviewed yearly.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Next review due in April 2022.