

## Telford Accessibility Audit



The main venue for the convention is the International Convention Centre, which does not have on site accommodation.

There are a number of hotels and restaurants nearby.

This audit seeks to make the information about physical accessibility and facilities at the venue before the event team put in place any accommodations. This will not therefore address items such as gender-neutral toilets or signage that the event team could arrange.

We have not visited all of the hotels nearby, so it is advised that you double check that the hotel you wish to stay at does have the facilities you need. We plan to update this document if we receive further information so it may be worth checking back.

### **1. International Convention Centre (ICC)**

International Way, Telford TF3 4JH

There are large car parks at the Convention Centre

Closes at 11pm

The function rooms are across the ground and first floor. Once on the floor, entrances to room are a flat, level entry with wide doors (if both doors are unlocked/open).

Central lift approximately 1.5m – 2m with an approximately 1m door.

Floor surfaces are a mixture of hard wooden floors and low pile carpet (primarily in function rooms).

There are gendered toilets on the ground and second floor which have hand dryers. Each of the toilet areas have an accessible stall within the gendered area.

There are 2 good lifts which open onto a service corridor which are about 2m x 3m.

From the ICC there is a scooter friendly path into town and into the local park. Many dining venues are scooter accessible.

### **2. International Hotel**

St Quentin Gate, Telford TF3 4EA

There are blue badge parking spaces outside the hotel, the other parking is outside the Holiday Inn.

The reception desk has a lower section to be accessible to people in a wheelchair.

101 bedroom, 5 accessible bedrooms; 1 on each floor. Each accessible room has a full wetroom and an optional link to an adjoining room. Standard bedrooms have a shower with a small (about 15cm) step to enter.

The lift to the upper floors is approximately 1.20m x 1.50m.

The hotel does not have a full restaurant, but can book tables at the Holiday Inn. A buffet style continental breakfast is available at the hotel and hotel staff are happy to assist people with accessing this if needed. The hotel does have a bar. The bar does not usually have plastic straw, but could stock these if given 3 weeks' notice.

### **3. Holiday Inn**

International Centre, St Quentin Gate, Telford TF3 4EH

There is a large car park with blue badge parking spaces, blue badge holders can also park on the road immediately in front of the hotel as long as the access road is not blocked.

The reception desk has a lower section to be accessible to people in a wheelchair.

152 bedrooms, 5 accessible bedrooms on the ground floor; 1 with full wetroom, 4 with a shower over the bath with handrails. All accessible rooms have an alarm cord. The rooms contain a double bed, desk and chair, the hotel staff are very happy to move or remove furniture to suit individuals.

The hotel has a restaurant and serves a cooked breakfast. The hotel has a bar. The bar does not usually have plastic straws, but could stock these if given 3 weeks' notice. The toilets near the bar/restaurant are gendered, with both paper towels and hand dryers. There is also a gender neutral accessible toilet.

All of the function rooms are on the ground floor and the doors are wide enough for scooter access.

### **4. Travel Lodge**

Unit 4, Park Avenue, Southwater Way, Telford TF3 4BF

The closest car park is Southwater multistorey car park.

The hotel has accessible twin rooms.

A standard bedroom has a shower with a small (about 15cm) step to enter. The hotel has a lift to all floors which is about 1.5m x 2m with an approximately 1m door. Rooms facing the street are often noisy, those facing the park are much quieter.

Breakfast is available at the Albert Shed opposite the hotel and has a discounted price for those staying at the hotel. The entrance to the Albert shed has a steep set of stairs and a small elevator. The lift is about 1m x 2m, but has a 90-degree angle between entering and leaving, which makes manoeuvring difficult.

### **5. Ramada**

Forge Gate, Overdale, Telford TF3 4NA

90 bedrooms.

Has its own car park.

The bar does not usually have plastic straw, but could stock these if given 3 weeks' notice.

There is a scooter accessible path along the mainroad to the convention. The walking distance is around 20 minutes.

### **6. Premier Inn Telford International Centre Hotel.**

Unit 8, Southwater Square, Southwater Way, Telford TF3 4DE

The nearest car park is the Southwater multistorey car park.

The accessible rooms includes and adjustable bed, more space than standard. Bathrooms either have a lowered bath or a full wetroom.

Standard rooms have a bathroom with a shower.

### 7. Premier Inn Telford Central

Euston Way, Overdale, Telford TF3 4LY

There is a second and larger Premier Inn behind the train station. It is a 17 minute walk and there is a step free route from it, through town and to the convention centre.

This is not included in the table below.

### 8. Travel between sites and to nearby facilities

There are a variety of restaurants and leisure facilities close to the venue. All distances are from Google Maps and may not be exact.

Approx. Distance from (miles)	ICC	South of ICC		North of ICC			
		International Hotel	Holiday Inn	Travelodge	Ramada	Premier Inn	Restaurants
ICC	X	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.2
International Hotel	0.05	X	0.05	0.4	1	0.5	0.5
Holiday Inn	0.1	0.05	X	0.4	1	0.6	0.6
Travelodge	0.1	0.4	0.4	X	0.8	0.1	0.1
Ramada	0.8	1	1	0.8	X	0.6	0.6
Premier Inn Telford	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.6	X	0
International Restaurants	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.6	0	X

The route from the Conference Centre to the Travelodge/Premier Inn/Restaurants is up hill. It is only possible to go through the Conference centre grounds when the centre is open, the distances listed above assume this route is open, it will be longer at other times. There are direct routes with steps and slightly longer ramped/sloped routes within the Conference centre grounds.

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