

# Toilet Arrangements

## for SBC Albert St.

We must soon address SBC's provision of toilets. There are 3 problems:

1. The floor in the men's toilet is failing in one place. At least partial removal of the floor will be needed. We have no idea what we will find, nor how serious any repairs would be. But, at the very least, new waterproof flooring will be required (it won't be possible to replace the former lining).
2. The toilet cubicle for disabled persons is sub-standard by current requirements (a motorized buggy couldn't use it). It is also in the women's area which is not desirable for non-female users.
3. Our culture now accepts persons who are exploring, or making, or have made, a gender re-assignment. Such people wish to use a toilet that aligns with their current gender identification. This could cause tensions with other toilet users and makes it difficult for ministry leaders to know what advice they should give.

Before thinking about how to address these issues, it would be helpful to gain an idea of how members view possible toilet provision in some future version of the Albert Street buildings. So here are some photos of toilet arrangements. At the end, there is a link for you to send your comments to Andrew. Please don't be concerned with the size or colour schemes - these are just images to give a broad idea.

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### 1] - lightweight, partial height, cubicles. Hand-basins outside cubicles



Style similar to current arrangements: Cubicles of chipboard panels on legs - gap under dividing walls and doors; panels don't reach the ceiling.  
Sinks opposite cubicles.

Currently one room for women, another for men.

In the future these could be provided as unisex cubicles in a single (larger) room or could be provided in separate (smaller) rooms, one for men and women (similar to current arrangements). If separate rooms, the 'disabled' toilet would need to be in a third room. If a single room for both men and women is selected, the disabled space could be a large cubicle in the same area (see **4]** below).

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**2] - lightweight, full height, cubicles. Hand-basins outside cubicles**



Same as **1]** except lightweight chipboard goes almost all the way from floor to ceiling.

Would this work in unisex format?

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**3] - Cubicles with conventional walls, but not reaching ceiling. Hand-basins outside cubicles**



Similar to **1]** except walling is now much more substantial. There is no air-space at the bottom - only at the top.

Would this work in unisex format?

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**4] - Cubicles with conventional walls and doors. Hand-basins outside cubicles**



Similar to **3]** except each toilet is in a completely separate room. This is shown here with a room for disabled persons at right, so the outer space with wash basins would necessarily be unisex even if some of the individual rooms are not unisex.

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**5] - Separate rooms for each user. Hand-basins inside rooms**



Each toilet is now in a separate room with conventional room doors and walls. The rooms could be labelled as desired (male / female / either) and it would be easy to change the labelling. There is no outer room as in **1], 2], 3]** and **4]** above. Waiting space is in an 'open' area (e.g. a corridor).

The 'disabled' toilet is just another room, albeit a little larger.

Each room would then need a hand-basin so the toilet space must be larger than a cubicle, but has to be rather cramped unless a lot of space is used.



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## Conclusion

At this stage, we just want to gain your thoughts. Please provide any comments by sending an email to [Andrew \(click here\)](#).

Thanks