

LUCYS MILL BRIDGE – REGULATIONS THAT ARE INTEGRAL TO ACCESS AND DESIGN FOR PUBLIC ACCESS FACILITIES

The following are the key regulations that must be considered in any project such as this:

The Building Regulations: Approved Document M - Access to and use of buildings: Volume 2 - Buildings other than dwellings- Section 1: Access to buildings other than dwellings.

The Equality Act 2010

Notes:

It might be argued that the bridge isn't a building but a structure, however these regulations would still set the standard required for access purposes.

The Equality Act is more about decisions than dimensions, but any improvement to the bridge should be judged against its intention, and it can be argued as the overriding justification for the work, but it [probably] only requires all decisions and changes to be considered against the requirement of making the bridge accessible to all.

There are a number of other regulations which apply only to new constructions, not existing structures (the present bridge itself).

This is the in-depth advice given to **Local Authorities about their responsibilities for Public Rights of Way**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-local-authority-responsibilities#access-and-equality-for-disabled-users>