

The Friendship Inn - Redbrook Road, Gawber: Design and Access Statement for Sub Station

Introduction – This Design and Access Statement has been prepared on behalf of Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited in support of a Full Planning Application for a new substation with enclosure house at the former Friendship Inn public house, Redbrook Road, Gawber. This statement describes the site and context and sets out the specific design principles in relation to the proposals and reviews issues of accessibility to it.

Use – The proposal is for a new substation at Sainsbury's Local on Redbrook Road, Gawber to provide the required level of power to support the new store.

Amount and scale – The proposals are for an electricity substation at the former Friendship Inn, Redbrook Road, Gawber to support its conversion to a Sainsbury's convenience store. The substation will be 3.4 metres wide, 2.5 metres high and 4.2 metres deep.

Appearance – Electricity suppliers set out strict criteria for the design of electrical substations for the maintenance access, dimensions and ventilation.

The substation housing will be clad with anti-graffiti paint. The colour of the cladding will be the best match to the existing building on the site so ensure there is no adverse impact on visual amenity. Louvres will be included in the doors to provide ventilation.

Access and layout – The substation will be sited within the store car park, to the south west of the site, adjacent to Intake Road. Electricity suppliers require 24 hour access to the substation so the access doors face Intake Road. Access to the substation is for authorised personnel only.

Landscaping – There were no areas of landscaping for this application to utilise or develop.

Summary – The proposed substation has been designed to meet the technical requirements of the electricity supplier. The design and materials for the enclosure are appropriate for both the location and the functionality of the substation. No issues of highway safety are raised by this application.