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Design and Access Statement

DWP Wombwell

Project: Window, door, and roof replacements
Date: 14/03/2025
Applicant: DWP
Agent: McLennan Architects
Site Address: 19 Kings Road, Wombwell, Barnsley S73 0JE

1.0 Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared in support of a planning application for the replacement of windows, doors, curtain walling, and the upgrading of the roof covering and insulation at DWP Wombwell, Barnsley. The proposed works aim to enhance the building's thermal efficiency and refresh the buildings appearance while maintaining its existing use.

2.0 Site Context

The site is located in Wombwell, Barnsley, within the jurisdiction of Barnsley Council. The surrounding area is mostly occupied by dwellings; consisting of red brick, white uPVC windows and doors, pebble dash and render, and slate roofs. The existing building is currently occupied by the Department for Work and Pensions, serving as a job centre.

3.0 Design Proposal

3.1 Use

The proposed works will not alter the use of the building, which will remain as a job centre. The upgrades aim to improve energy efficiency and modernize the external appearance while retaining the existing function. The replacement elements will be in keeping with the building's character and will enhance its overall appearance, with a slight deviation to the colour of the blanking panels in light of modernisation.

3.2 Amount & Appearance

The proposal includes the replacement of:

- 15no. timber frame single glazed windows (frame colour white); **to be replaced with** aluminium frame double glazed windows (frame colour white).
- 3no. external solid timber plant room doors (door colour grey); **to be replaced with** aluminium frame solid external doors (door colour grey blue).

- 1no. external solid fire escape door (door colour grey); **to be replaced with** solid external fire escape door (door colour grey blue).
- Approximately 160m² of aluminium frame curtain walling (frame colour white, blanking panel colour blue); **to be replaced with** aluminium frame curtain walling with double glazed window inserts (frame colour white, blanking panel colour grey blue).
- Roof covering and insulation upgrade covering approximately 345m².
- A refresh of the paint finish to the rear elevation, existing colour is white and will be refreshed with a new coat of white.

3.3 Layout

The works will be carried out on the existing building without any changes to its footprint or internal layout.

3.4 Scale

The project does not involve any alterations to the height, bulk, or massing of the building.

4.0 Access

4.1 Vehicular access

The site is accessible to the general public via Kings Road and the staff vehicular entrance is off Margaret Road. There will be no impact on existing transport links due to the proposed works.

4.2 Inclusive Access

The proposed improvements will not affect the current accessibility provisions. All entrances will remain as existing.

5.0 Environmental Considerations

The proposed upgrades will significantly enhance the building's energy efficiency through:

- Improved insulation to the roof.
- Double glazed windows and curtain walling window inserts to reduce heat loss.
- Sustainable material choices where possible.

6.0 Conclusion

The proposed replacement of windows, doors, curtain walling, and roof upgrades at DWP Wombwell will improve the building's thermal efficiency and visual appeal without altering its function or impact on the surrounding area. The scheme aligns with local and national planning policies promoting sustainability and high-quality design.

Appendix A

Site context and location.



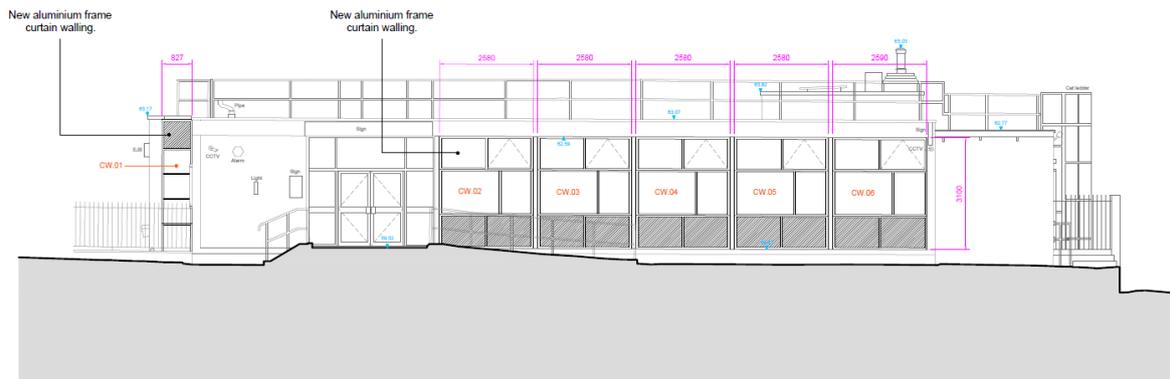
Appendix B

Photograph of the existing curtain walling, external doors, and windows.

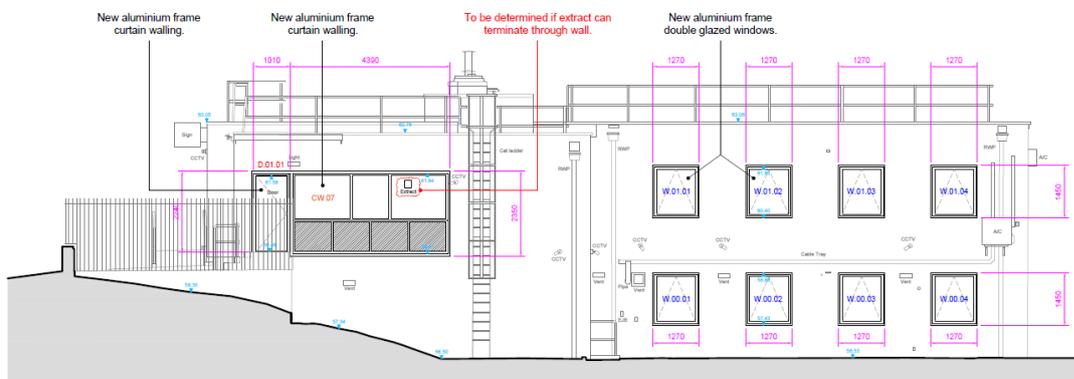


Appendix C

Building elevation drawings as proposed.

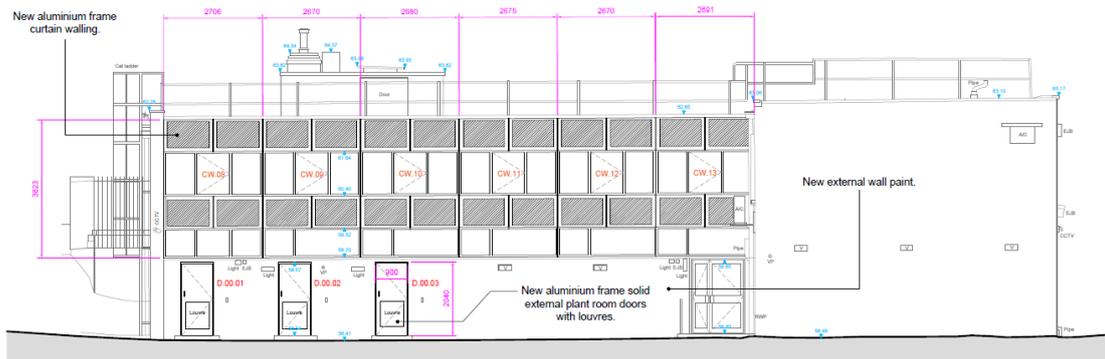


BUILDING ELEVATION 01 (NORTH / EAST) - AS PROPOSED
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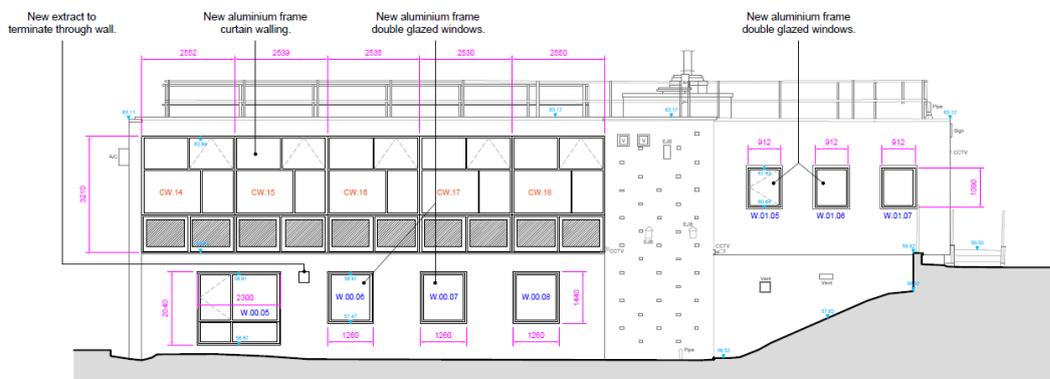


BUILDING ELEVATION 02 (SOUTH / EAST) - AS PROPOSED
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BUILDING ELEVATION 03 (SOUTH / WEST) - AS PROPOSED
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BUILDING ELEVATION 04 (NORTH / WEST) - AS PROPOSED
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