

Design & Access Statement

Introduction

Change of use planning permission is sought for the ground floor of units SU14 and SU-19 and first floor of unit SU-20 at the Glassworks, Barnsley, S70 1GW from

- Display or Retail Sale of Goods (use class E(a))

to

- Provision of medical or health services (use class E(e))

This change of use would not normally require an application as both are within the same use class however as 2 of the units have never been brought into use as class E(a) an application is required.

Barnsley Glassworks

Barnsley Glassworks is a recently completed mixed use development in Barnsley Town Centre comprising of retail, restaurants, cafes and leisure spaces. The Glassworks incorporates: -

- A new modern landscaped public square where routes into the town centre meet. The square is large enough for market stalls and public events, and looks into the indoor market.
- An indoor market which is bright, open and inspiring, this refurbished space creates a flow between outdoor and indoor shopping and is easier to get to for shoppers and businesses.
- A new covered mall providing access to leisure opportunities including exciting new shops, restaurants, a bowling alley and cinema.

Proposed Use

Barnsley Hospital NHS Trust have recently opened a Phlebotomy and Diagnostics unit within the Glassworks containing Mammography, Ultrasound, X-ray and Dexa scanning facilities. This has proved very successful in providing patients with convenient and direct access to services without travelling to the Barnsley Hospital campus and increase uptake of diagnostic screening.

Following on from the success of Phase 01 Barnsley Hospital NHS Trust have identified an opportunity to further expand the unit into 3 further adjacent units and incorporate CT and MRI scanning facilities.

Location / Access

The Glassworks town centre location is ideal for this use. Public transport links are excellent with Barnsley train and bus station just a short walk. Car parking provided as part of the Glassworks development is also available for use by visitors to the diagnostic unit.

Appearance / Landscaping

The proposal is for internal alteration works to 3 units which will result in no alteration to the external appearance or landscaping of the building.