

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT
FOR
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO OFFICES
AT
TAPCO ENPRO
SHAWFIELD ROAD
CARLTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BARNSELY

PREPARED BY
WHITE AGUS LTD

FOR
TAPCO ENPRO

BACKGROUND

Tapco International was founded in 1945. Its primary products were FCCU valves, actuators and hydraulic power units (HPUs). Enpro Systems LTD was founded in 1972 and specialized FCCU valves, vessels and FCCU fabricated equipment. In 2006 these two leading companies merged to become TapcoEnpro.

For nearly seven decades, TapcoEnpro has been the leader in providing severe service, critical flow, high temperature control valves, electrohydraulic actuators and other mission decisive products and services to the global refining and petrochemical industry.

THE SITE

The business is situated at Shawfield Road, on the Carlton Industrial Estate. Carlton Industrial Estate in Carlton is in the Yorkshire and The Humber region of England. The postcode is within the Monk Bretton ward/electoral division, which is in the constituency of Barnsley Central.

The present building is of portal frame construction with facing brickwork and sheeting to the walls under a metal cladded roof.

The site is accessed directly from Shawfield Road and there is parking provision within the site.

The building height and appearance are shown on the submitted drawings.

The current office accommodation is over two floors and are situated at the front of the building within the first 'bay' of the steel frame.

Proposal

To alleviate the pressure on available floor space the Applicant considers it necessary to provide additional office space. This can be achieved by adding accommodation at 2nd floor level over the existing office.

The original developers of the site made provision for this within the building structure with loadbearing walls etc.

There will be no increase in the number of employees, as stated on the application form.

The proposed alterations include additional windows to match the existing as shown on the drawings. The configuration of the new windows has been carefully designed to complement the prevailing pattern of fenestration on the existing building.

Flood Risk

The proposals do not have any flooding implications

Assessment of proposal

The existing access will be retained, and the scheme has no adverse highway implications.

The appearance of the building and locality will not be affected by the addition of windows and will be in keeping with the local character and the appearance of the building; and

The proposed design is of a high standard of design and respect the character of the existing building and its surroundings, in its footprint, scale and massing, elevation design and materials

The scheme will have no adverse effect on the amenity of local businesses, residents, the visual amenity of the area, or highway safety; and

There are strong economic reasons why such development is appropriate to encourage development of existing businesses. Refusal of the application would demonstrate the unwillingness of the LPA to assist economic growth.

Ecology

Not applicable

Coal Mining

Not applicable