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ARGOS**, Barnsley** – New Shop Front and External Plant Proposal

ACCESS STATEMENT – June 2009

Introduction:

Home Retail Group (Argos) have a detailed policy outlining how Argos intend to address Disability issues, both in terms of access to goods & services, and to Employment issues within its existing and new stores.

Existing Context:

The New Argos Store at Unit 4, Peel Centre Retail Park, Harborough Hill Road, Barnsley, comprises circa 1900 Sqm. of floor area on two levels. It is located within a retail park, with public entrances from the pedestrianised area at the front of the store, within the site.
Staff areas are located on the ground floor of the building.

Amount of Development:

The proposed works comprised of the fitting of an Argos Standard Specification Shop Front including automatic opening Bi Parting doors. Also it is proposed to add a Staff Entrance Door to the front of the unit. This Application also covers the installation of External Plant condensers to the side elevation of the unit and A/C Grilles and Vents to the side and rear elevations.

Layout:

The layout of the existing store is unchanged by the new proposal.

Scale:

The proposed Argos Shop front has been approved for use in all Argos Retail Park Stores and allows for a flow of customers in line with Regulations. The overall scale of the Entrance is unchanged by the proposal. It is proposed to install the Air Conditioning External Plant Condensers to the side of unit where the area is not accessible to the public and therefore the condensers will not cause any obstructions or require any re-routing of access.

Appearance:

The new Shop Front and staff Entrance will match existing finishes in colour and where possible, material.

The intended Plant will match existing finishes where possible in colour and where possible, material.

Manifestation:

Manifestation is required and will be present to the new shop Front glazing. The design is a Standard which Argos currently use in Retail Park Stores.

Entrances

This is intended to include door ironmongery, door operation and closing forces. Alternative arrangements may be considered where overriding considerations such as fire safety, and the need to provide an environmental seal have to be taken into account.

Lighting

Argos will review lighting in terms of:
Lighting levels – sufficient to

- Enable safe and convenient activity.
- Ensure clear definition between shelving, counters, displays etc and manoeuvring /circulation space.
- Provision – lighting should be even and not create glare, reflection, shadow and pools of dark and light, where it is appropriate to do so.
- Highlight critical surfaces e.g. edge of shelving and information.

Best Practice

The Best Practice guidelines relating to design for Disabled people include but are not limited to the following documents:

- British Standard 8300: 2001 – Design of Buildings and their approaches to meet the Needs of Disabled People.
- Sign Design Guide – published by the Sign Design Society.
- British Standard 5395: Part 1:2001 – code of Practice for the design of straight stairs.
- DETR Guidance on the use of Tactile Paving Surfaces (DETR 1998).
- BS EN 115 – Safety rules for the construction and installation of escalators and passenger conveyors.
- BS 6180: Code of Practice for Barriers in and about Buildings.

- BS 7594: 1993: Code of Practice for audio-frequency induction loop systems.
- BS EN 60118-4: Code of practice for induction loop systems.

Please note that this list is non-exhaustive. The Design guide will be reviewed and updated as required to incorporate the latest recommendations for Best Practice.