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Inclusive Access and Design statement for Ernest Jones, 4-6 Cheapside, Barnsley.

1.Location

The premises occupy the ground, first floor and second floor of a double fronted, three storey traditional stone and brick built premises located at 4-6 Cheapside, Barnsley

2. The Tenant

The tenant is Ernest Jones who are purveyors of fine quality watches and jewellery who are anxious to demonstrate their policy of equal access and employment opportunities.

3. Use

The unit is an existing Ernest Jones store for the retail of both fine watches and jewellery and the layout and finishes are designed to reflect a feeling of quality.

4. Assessment

- The proposal is to create a new shopfront to the existing Ernest Jones shop and revamp of the shop interior. This will improve access in and around the shop plus creating a more pleasant environment for the staff and customers. The new double doors will be held open to allow clear access in to the shop during trading hours.

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5 Access

- The double doors will be held open to allow clear access in to the shop during *trading hours.*

- All staff are trained to deal with visual, audio and mobility impaired customers.

- The counters fitted in Ernest Jones millennium specification stores are referred to as a display/service counter. An able bodied or ambulant disabled person can stand and view the products on offer. The counters are designed with an overhang of 140mm and are 682mm from floor to underside of overhang, which allows people in wheelchairs to move close enough to view the product. A circulation space behind the counter of between 1500mm and 1800mm is designed around the counters to ensure good traffic flow for able bodied and disabled people.

- The service level offered to all Ernest Jones customers will involve their sales assistant coming from behind the counter to bring the customer the products they are interested in viewing or offering the service over the counter at which stools are placed for customers to sit at. The sales transaction can also be performed over the counter or brought to the customer if requested.

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