



DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

FOR

CO-OPERATIVE FOOD STORE, THE CROSS, SILKSTONE, BARNSELY, S75 4LX



Introduction

Evolve Design limited have prepared plan views and elevation designs for the above site address on behalf of the Co-operative Group. The existing Co-operative store is situated on The Cross and serves the local community with produce / products and fuel without the need to travel into town. The store will be undertaking a new refit out incorporating a new fixture layout within the store and external alterations.

The design brief is to provide the opportunity to improve and update the general appearance of the shop front whilst continuing to provide easy access to and from the store for disabled customers and parents with young children.

Google Maps – Co-operative Store



Amount of Development

The new refurbishment will require planning permission for external works to the existing shop front. The store currently has manual double entrance doors and ramp / step access to the store with an overhead entrance canopy.

Permission is required to for the instalment of a new automated sliding entrance door to replace the existing manual push doors. The new entrance door will be re-located providing a clear width of 1200mm and will be constructed from aluminium framework finished white. New ramp access will be formed in accordance with DDA standards and hand railing to help aid customers with limited mobility.

The new automated sliding entrance door will provide the opportunity to improve access to and from the store for the less able person. With the exception of the above development al other access doors to the building will remain the same and will not be altered as part of this proposal.

The existing overhead entrance canopy, ramp / steps and doors will be removed and replaced with a new shop front window which will be in keeping with the existing shop front windows. The stall riser will be extended following the removal of the ramp / step access and will match the existing rendered finish.

The existing external shutter boxes and shutters will be removed and replaced with new perforated shutters to be finished white. For further details please refer to the existing and proposed shop front plans & elevations enclosed.

Further works involve a requirement for one new outdoor refrigeration plant unit. The new unit will be situated on the east side of the building with a new palisade fencing surround.

To ensure noise levels are at an acceptable standard and in line with the requirements of the local planning authority we have enclosed the noise ratings and the manufacture data sheets. For the location of the new equipment please refer to the proposed side plan and elevations enclosed.

The Co-operative would like to take the opportunity to introduce additional parking to the area by removing the existing car wash facilities which can be identified on the proposed car parking layout enclosed and lining of new parking bays.

Community Safety

The new automated door and shop front windows will be fitted with safety glazing. Manifestation will be provided on the glazing in a colour that contrasts with the adjoining framework to facilitate it's identification for people with visual impairments. The manifestation will be provided at two heights between 850 and 1000mm and 1400 and 1600mm above floor level where required.

The new ramp access will be design and installed in accordance with DDA standards and will provide handrailing support on either side of the ramp.

The new refrigeration plant unit will be installed with a new palisade fencing surround which will be access for maintenance purposes only.

Layout of the Development

The existing building remains in its current location. Nearby roads should not be affected as part of this proposal. The proposal will not have any impact on the existing traffic use within the surrounding area or on existing retail units in terms of trade and congestion.

For the location of this building please refer to the ordnance survey map enclosed highlighting the site in red. The block plan details the location the new entrance doors / parking facilities and refrigeration plant in relation to its surroundings.

Site Photographs – Existing Shopfront





Site Photographs – Proposed Location For Plant & Existing Car Wash Area



Appearance

All additional colours and materials will be kept in accordance with the same standards used throughout all Co-operative stores and in keeping with the existing shop front materials.

Scale of the Development

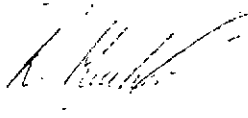
The scale of the existing building will not change as part of this proposal.

Conclusion

In summary, the proposed changes to the existing building will result in substantial improvements to the accessibility to the store and will improve the visual appearance of the shopfront. The proposal will also provide the chance to update the refrigeration within the store following the new refurbishment.

Any future alterations will be the subject of further Planning Consents.

Kind Regards,



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