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DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

FOR

CO-OPERATIVE FOOD STORE, 11 SCARSDALE PLACE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE, SK17 6EF.



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 located at 11 Scarsdale Place and serves the local community with produce and products with out the need to travel into town. The design brief is to provide the opportunity to improve the access to and from this store for disabled customers and parents with young children with push chairs.

Amount of Development

The programme of works requires planning permission for the instalment of a new external entrance ramp. The new ramp will be constructed from textured concrete with hand railing to aid with disabled access. The hand railing will be extended beyond the top and bottom of the ramp and will be constructed to DDA standards.

The store currently has a step height of 166mm which has become difficult for disabled customers; the above proposal will provide the opportunity to create a much easier approach to and from the store for the less able person. The existing automated sliding door will remain and will not be altered as part of this proposal. Please refer to the existing and proposed layouts enclosed for further details.

Community Safety

The external ramp will be constructed providing an anti-slip surface with a new galvanised hand railing provided at two heights.

Layout of the Development

The existing building remains in its current location. Nearby roads and parking facilities should not be affected as part of this proposal. The proposal should not have any impact on the existing traffic use within the surrounding area or on existing retail units in terms of trade and congestion. The store currently has to bollards which are located in front of the external ATM machine. Following the instalment of the new entrance ramp one bollard will be removed to create adequate space.

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 of the new entrance ramp in relation to its surroundings.

Site Photographs – Existing Front Entrance Step





Scale of the Development

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

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 as much as possible.

Conclusion

In summary, the proposed changes to the existing building will result in substantial improvements to the accessibility to the store in line with the requirements of the local planning authority.
If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either Richard Mercieca or myself.

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

Kind Regards,

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