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CARPENTER LTD – ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN/PLANNING STATEMENT : DOCUMENT REF PS-001 Iss 2

- GENERAL
    - As part of ongoing strategic production developments, our client intends to centralise all existing office facilities into a single location within one of the existing workshop areas.
    - The proposed location is within a workshop adjacent to the existing Main Road entrance into the site, and directly opposite the existing main Car Park.
    - These proposals will not affect the number of employees utilising the site.

- ENTRANCE FACILITES & APPEARANCE
    - The proposed location allows a new accessible Main Entrance facility to be constructed adjacent to the Entrance to the site.
    - The entrance remodelling will provide a prestigious 'front door' to the site, for Visitors and Staff alike.
    - The new entrance will be marked by:
        - Recladding the existing brick built building with a finely microribbed insulated cladding panel with white PVF² finish (white RAL 9010 is one of the Carpenter 'house' colours)
        - A new entrance canopy on steel support system
        - Twin access doors for Visitors (to the unsecured Reception facilities) and for Staff (to the secured Workplace), the Visitor side door will be power assisted for use by users with ambulatory difficulties. An internal security door will be similarly powered to allow Staff to move back and forth to the Accessible WC/WHB suite.
        - A new entrance ramp for all users
        - New Carpenter signage and logo, with internal backlighting (using white/mid grey and light blue - the Carpenter 'house' colours or black).
        - New external lighting to the canopy and ramp
    - The new entrance is located directly opposite the existing main Car Park area

- ACCESSIBLE PROVISIONS
    - Centralisation of the offices and other staff facilities will include the rationalisation of internal floor levels so that facilities can be accommodated at one level.
    - Consequently, the proposed new entrance ramp rises through 1200mm from the existing external ground level to the primary internal Ground floor level.
    - The new Visitor Access door will be power assisted for use by users with ambulatory difficulties.
    - Internally, the new Entrance doors will provide access to:
        - Visitor side: level access to New Reception, New Meeting/Interview Room, New fully Accessible WC/WHB suite suitable for any building users with severe mobility impairments

- Staff side: new office suite, containing level access to New Canteen (with accessible worktops/sink/vending etc), New Sanitary accommodation (including accessible lockers and WC cubicles for staff with moderate ambulatory impairments, New Conference Room.
- An internal security door will be power assisted to allow Staff to move back and forth to the Accessible WC/WHB suite.
- (Note: internal layouts not shown as part of formal planning application as the final detail of Sanitary Accommodation will be subject to Building Control review and approval)

- 2 of the existing Car Parking bay provisions for Registered Disabled users will be revised to provide 1 larger bay with increased side access room and 1 larger bay with increased end access room.

- EXTERNAL WORKS & SOFT LANDSCAPING
  - To reflect the importance of the new Entrance Area, the new ramp and adjacent pathways will be resurfaced with high quality stone type PCC pavings and edgings
  - External Soft Landscaping will be retained and re-instated to the edge of the existing fence line, with the existing fence retained.