PROPOSED INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SHOPFITTING WORKS

PHONES 4 U
30 Castle Street,
Hinckley
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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Location and History

The Premise is located on a terrace of retail units on the main entrance to the Britannia Shopping Centre within the main retail shopping area of Hinckley. The existing unit is believed to be early 1990's build and is an A1 commercial property which is currently occupied by JD Sports.

EXISTING

External

The existing external façade consists of masonry brickwork. The shop front is a white aluminium frame. The stall risers, pilasters are and entrance lobby are finished with a grey tile finish. A full width fascia panel extends above the shop front line.

Internal

The Premises comprises of a ground floor with retail space and the first floor contains storage space and a welfare block.

PROPOSED

External

It is proposed to replace the existing tired and redundant building signage and redecorate the existing shop front in Phones4U corporate colours and to refresh the appearance of the building from the front. The colour scheme is a vibrant, modern look and which is designed to create an interest and generate footfalls to the premises. This look is not out of keeping with the building or the immediate surroundings and will greatly enhance the current premise.

It is proposed to remove the existing fascia sign and replace with an aluminium fascia sign which will be in Phones4U corporate colours. The existing shop front frame will be retained and redecorated white BS00E55. The stall risers, entrance tiles and pilasters are to be removed and replaced with 150 x150mm Dorset Wolliscroft tiles flat finish colour – steel grey on the pilasters and stall risers and the new

entrance floor tiles are to be Dorset Woolliscroft Luna Finish colour – Steel grey. All areas affected by the alterations are to be made good.

Signage

The fascia will have the internally illuminated Phones4U logo positioned in the centre of the fascia and the network logos will be placed as seen on drawing HLP/P4U/682/05A. The shop front windows have suitable manifestations fitted at the appropriate height. It is also proposed to install a 700x700mm internally illuminated projecting sign to the fascia which will house the Phones 4 U logo.

Internal

It is proposed to fit the retail areas with new flooring, installation of fixtures and fittings and to install a new HVAC, fire alarm, lighting and service systems to reflect the company's corporate trading image. The proposed fitting out works will provide a ground floor area consisting of about 73m² of retail trading space.

The existing welfare area on the first floor will be retained and serviced, stair accessed to the 1st floor is to remain unaltered. Currently there are no existing means of disabled access to the 1st floor level. Phones4U understands their role in providing equality in the working environment however due to the constrains of the premises it is unsuitable to provide disabled access. However Phones4U are committed to reviewing the situation should an employee require disable access and it is not possible to be provided in this store. The employee will be offered alternative employment in a nearby unit that meets the requirements.

ACCESS

Public Access

The approach to the entrance doors is via a slight ramped access off the public footpath with a gradient less than 1:20. The entrance comprises of a pair of double doors which have a minimum combined clear width of 1.6m when fully open. There are no internal level changes within the ground floor level of the building demised to Phones4U which the public can access.

A suitable counter table and sales desk at a height of 750mm will be provided for persons using wheelchairs. A mobile till/card machine will be utilised for the purpose of taking payment. A staff member will make any products out of reach available for the customer to inspect when required.

Access to the 1st floor welfare block is to be retained via the existing staircase.

Vehicular Access

Access for deliveries is available to the rear of the property via a shared service area. The existing access is to be retained and used solely for deliveries and fire exit only.

Parking

There is restricted waiting on street parking and pay and display parking in local streets, shopping centre and open surface parking areas. These will be used for both staff and public parking.

Landscaping

The proposal does not carry out any alterations to the external layout.

Statement

Phones 4 U wishes to state that as a responsible retailers they are committed to their responsibilities under the various Planning Legislation and the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

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