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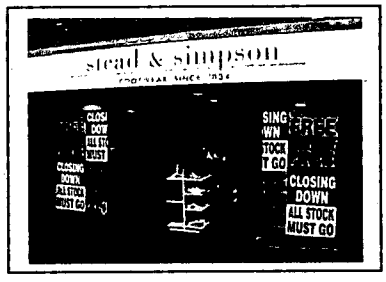
DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT FOR 24/28 CASTLE STREET HINCKLEY LE10 8BD

The situation of the site within a long established retail area means that there is a broad range of community facilities within close proximity. The location of the existing retail unit adjacent to the town centre, utilizing public transport nodes provides direct & convenient access.





The proposed shop fitting works are to be undertaken within an existing 2 storey building whose use is divided into retail, storage and staff areas in the following proportion.

Retail Area	=	101 sq/m
Storage Area	=	66 sq/m
Staff Area	=	33 sq/m

The proposed façade to the building forms part of a promenade of retail units. The upper floors to the building are being retained in keeping with the appearance of other units within the surrounding area.

A new traditional styled timber shopfront is being installed to the building decorated to be sympathetic to the surrounding area, to enhance the appearance of the unit. The new shopfront will be of a softwood timber construction complete with architectural details and have finishing ironmongery/door furniture to be in keeping with the period of existing units with close proximity.
The contrast between the decoration & texture of the shopfront and the lobby tiling/barrier matting will provide a clearly defined entrance into the store.
In order to make this entrance accessible to everyone it will be via a level threshold with no need to manipulate the entrance doors as Shoe Zone Ltd operate an open door policy for the convenience of its customers.