Design & Access Statement

Project title	CooperVision Aspect House, Hamble Lane, Hamble	**Project No.**	1787
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Introduction

This design and access statement has been prepared in support of a planning application for works at CooperVision, Hamble as submitted to the local authority of Eastleigh Borough Council by BTH Architects on behalf of CooperVision Ltd.

The application address is located within the existing CooperVision South Point 3 site, in Ensign Way, which is one of a group of sites in Hamble operated by CooperVision currently known as South Point 1, South Point 2, South Point 4 and South Point 6&7. CooperVision currently produce, research, develop and manufacture contact lenses on these sites. In addition to the facilities located on the Hamble peninsular, CooperVision also operate storage and distribution buildings locally.

The proposal under this application is to replace the existing curtain walling window system to an existing building (Aspect House), used predominantly for administration purposes.

The existing building is currently occupied and in production and will remain so during and after completion of the proposed works.

Existing Context

The existing Aspect House extension building forms part of the overall South Point 3 building with this part of the building used for offices, meeting rooms and general staff facilities located over two floors - ground and first.

The elevations to Aspect House have a large amount of curtain walling at ground and first floor level providing natural daylight into the offices, meeting rooms and staff welfare facilities located here. Over time approximately half of the double glazing panels have failed causing condensation between the panes and draughts through the frames into the occupied office spaces within.

Design Proposal

In order to provide a comfortable working environment within Aspect House the proposal is to replace the complete existing curtain walling window system and entrance screens with a new curtain walling window system.

The proposed curtain walling system would match the existing in terms of its configuration, opening lights, entrance door locations etc. The current frame colour of blue would be changed to a light grey to be similar in appearance to the existing cladding.

Aspect House also has a large free standing steel and glass canopy at the main entrance. The proposal would also include the re-painting of the existing canopy to match the colour of the new curtain walling window frames.

Access into the building and proposed extension

All existing doors to be replaced will match the existing doors in terms of the existing access requirements including thresholds, push pads, clear door widths etc.