

Fair Oak Pharmacy Design and Access statement

Proposal

The replacement to the left side of the shopfront to accommodate a Medpoint prescription Collection machine. The machine has a similar footprint and concept to that of an ATM machine. With already having ample parking facilities, installing the machine should ease the flow of vehicles during business hours with this out of hour collection service being installed.

It will have a vinyl wrap to the machine with operating instructions and company logo. This signage detail will be in-keeping with the current look of the pharmacy and the existing signage. There will be no works to the right side of the shopfront this is as existing. Any works to the left side will match in with the existing right side elevation. (See existing and proposed elevations - Drawing 1 and 2 attached)

Background

The Pharmacy is located in Fair Oak a large village to the east of the town of Eastleigh in Hampshire. It is located in a terrace of modern style buildings from around the 1970's with commercial units below and a flat to the first floor, all constructed of masonry.

The shopfront itself dates from the twentieth century and is constructed of concrete, aluminium, timber sill and glass panels. It has a door which is 1020mm wide and with no step up from pavement level. This existing door complies with the requirements in Part M of the Building Regulations: A wider door – 1m in width and will therefore be unchanged.

The fascia which is relatively new has trough down lighters to illuminate the sign, this feature will also be unchanged. All colours for the vinyl to the machine will be in-keeping with the current signage.

The remainder of the parade has a variety of shopfronts, some with original features and others which have been replaced. The terrace of properties in which they are located are 2 storeys in height and constructed of masonry.

This shopping parade has several bus routes nearby. There are on-street parking facilities on the parade with 2 hour time limited.

The area is characterised by its residential character, but it is also punctuated by a number of shopping units below, most of these units have window graphics and signage that is illuminated. The Take away next door and off

license adjacent to the pharmacy have late night opening and there is an ATM machine to the front of the Co-op shopfront on the adjoining road with 24 hour access so the proposal of the Medpoint machine would be no different to this.

The proposal, by its use of modern materials and design is considered to be a positive enhancement both of the building and the area. This is emphasised by the restoration to the left side of the shopfront. The impact on the heritage asset is therefore wholly positive.