

St Lukes Pharmacy Design and Access statement

Proposal

The replacement of the left hand window to the main entrance 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. Any works proposed 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 a neighbourhood shopping parade just off Shamblehurst Lane in Hedge End. It shares the busy parade with a large Tesco Express, a pharmacy and other local businesses such as a veterinarian and hairdresser. The Shamblehurst Centre is within the affluent Grange Park development and within walking distance of Hedge End train station which is 0.7 miles away.

The pharmacy itself dates from the twentieth century and is a 2 storey building constructed of masonry, aluminium frames and doors both with 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 is illuminated with an LED downlight, 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 the units area all single storey in height and constructed of masonry.

This building where the pharmacy is located has several bus routes nearby. There is a car-park facility for the pharmacy and surrounding units on the

parade with no time limit, and an overflow car-park to the rear of the pharmacy.

The area is characterised by its residential character, but it is also punctuated by the shopping units. The Tesco at the end of the parade has an ATM machine 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 window to the left of the main entrance. The impact on the heritage asset is therefore wholly positive.