Design and Access Statement – 34 West Street, Havant

1. Introduction

1.1 The building is a Specsavers hearing retail shop on the High Street.

1.2 The building is not listed but is in a conservation area.

1.3 The existing building has a flat roof, glass shop front with metal and plastic shop sign and timber fascia above. The shop perimeter is framed by stone faience columns with decorative capitals and matching coping stones to parapet.

2. External Proposals

RENEWAL OF CORODED STEEL LINTEL

2.1 Proposal: To renew the main steel lintel over the shop front. This will necessitate taking down the structure at this level and above including the shop sign, fascia, stone faience column to party and flank walls and the parapet including coping stones. The faience will be repaired and placed back as existing. Opening up works at the Thomson Shop next door has established this can be done. A lead or zinc capping will be necessary to prevent further water ingress into the structure. This will project 25mm down from the top of the copings and cappings.

2.2 Reason: A structural engineer has assessed the lintel and confirmed its replacement is essential. The lintel is corroded to such an extent that temporary propping will be required or the lintel renewed urgently for safety reasons. The corrosion of the lintel has damaged the stonework in places.

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3.1 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
The main pedestrian access is via the High Street.

3.2 VEHICLE ACCESS
There is a small staff vehicle car park to the rear. The entrance is separate from the pedestrian access.

3.3 INCLUSIVE ACCESS
Our proposals do not include for any adaptations for the disabled and are focused purely on an essential repair.

3.4 GENERAL
The proposed works consist of renewal of a lintel above the shop front and main High Street entrance door. The works only effect the front elevation at the level of the lintel and above. We do not propose to make any changes to the pedestrian or vehicle access arrangements.