

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT FOR NEW SHOP FRONT AND SIGNAGE AT 39-41 FARRINGDON ROAD, LONDON EC1.

The Process

Assessment

This project is to relocate an existing agency Post Office in Farringdon Road to a new retail unit along Farringdon Road. This is part of trial refurbishment, introducing an open plan counter service, with a new concept colour scheme/ fittings and layout.

Evaluation/Design

The design looks to keep the existing shop front style and timber frame finish. The glazed element above the existing doors will be replaced with timber slat louver for the intake and extract of fresh air into the unit. There will be no noise implication from this operation.

There is to be a door with solid side panel inserted to the left of the shop for access to a Mail room. These will be stained finish to match the existing doors.

The general timber shop front will be replaced to enable the upgrade and insertion of security glazing and ATM Machine. There will also be a post box located on the land owned by the freeholder outside the post office.

Amount

Alterations are only occurring at the above site.

Layout

The design of the shop front has been designed to be kept in line with the existing as far as practically possible.

Scale

The scale of the external alterations are relatively minor compared to the size of the structure and has been designed to be in keeping with the street scene.

Landscaping

No landscaping is involved with this project.

Appearance

The intended look of the Post Office is following a recent nationwide roll out, to there Crown Office network with a modern colour scheme and open plan layout to assist visually impaired customers / staff.

Access

The principle entrance will remain as existing, however during normal trading hours these will be open and a set of internal automatic lobby doors will be the principle access.

The access created to the left of the unit is to separate the postal collection (via trolleys) from the public for security and health and safety.