

Refurbishment Works at 41 Graville Street EC1N 8PJ

Design Statement

The small shop placed at 41 Graville Street is around 25 square meters. It will be refurbished and converted in a brand new Italian cafe named *Eat it*. The main change of the new layout concerns the shop front. The existing door and shop window have different heights, the new design proposal intends to level in one big shop front the existing door and window with the possibility to open the whole front in summer. The height of the new window shop will be the same of the existing window and a new roller shutter will be provided.

As shown in the pictures, the interior at the moment is just one room with a free standing wash-hand basin at the rear and no toilet. The main change of the new layout will be the new toilet and new wash-hand basin, placed in the same position of the existing one. Also a new extract fan will be supplied. A lobby will be provided and the toilet will be used both for personnel and customers. The old wash-hand basin and water heater will be removed. New plumbing works will be carried out and connected to the building.

With regard to the finishes, the internal walls are clad with stripes of timber covering, the floor with an old carpet and there is a recent suspended ceiling with recessed downlights. The wall cladding will be removed and the walls will be relined with timber battens and plaster boards, then they will be paint finished with three coats of emulsion. A new skirting to wall will be supplied and fixed. The existing suspended ceiling will be re-used and decorated. Except for the main intervention on the outside and the new toilet inside, no other partition walls will be provided. The carpet will be removed, a smooth finish will be provided in order for the floor to receive a new covering which will be a not-slip safety flooring. All the materials both for the furniture and for the flooring and walls will be chosen according to the regulation and safety for personnel and customers.

The electrical wiring is in good conditions as well as the air conditioning system. The electrical panel should be improved while the air conditioning system units should be relocated. We are also thinking of installing a multi-splitter unit above the false ceiling. The furniture layout consists of few piece of furniture in natural wood: a long counter fully equipped with shelving system at the back and a long bench with stools for stay-in customers.