

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

for
17 Greville Street
London
EC1N 8SH

1.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND CONTEXT

The site at 17 Greville Street is currently a retail unit at ground floor level with ancillary space at basement level. Access to the unit is via the main front door on the left hand side of the front elevation (see photos p2) with a stepped access, and then via a secondary door from the ground floor staircase lobby.

The site is located within the Hatton Garden Jewellery Quarter. Between Hatton Garden and Farringdon road.

2.0 THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

The proposal is on behalf of The Goldsmiths' Company, Assay Office London.

The proposal aims to improve the visibility of the unit and also the street scene. The current shop front is rather dark and dreary and provides little interest to the street.

The new proposal involves the creation of a bright and inviting all glass shop front. With a new access to the retail unit directly from the street.

The shop front glazing will use The Goldsmiths' Company Logo as a manifestation on the glazing to add richness to the elevation with brass pin mounted signage applied to the fascia overhead as per the planning drawings submitted.

3.0 ACCESS

A new entrance to the unit is being provided directly from the Street. Access to the new unit will however remain stepped. This is due to the nature of the existing internal floor slab, which is reinforced concrete with concrete encased steel beams as support. This will not allow a ramped access without severely compromising the structural integrity of the existing slab. We therefore propose a management plan to allow wheelchair access via a portable ramp operated by the Assay office staff. A suitable call mechanism will be installed to Building inspectors approval.

