

Heritage Statement

Whalley Pharmacy on 40 King Street, Whalley is located in Whalley within a conservation area.

Whalley is located on the River Calder in Lancashire, surrounded by rolling hills which have provided both limestone and sandstone for building. The small town is notable for the ruins of a late 13th century Cistercian abbey, part of which is still in use as a conference centre, and for St Mary's and All Saints' Church, with its attractive churchyard in which are three Saxon crosses. King Street, the principal commercial street, contains four 18th century (or earlier) inns and a variety of small, mostly locally owned shops. Although 20th century housing development has impinged somewhat to the north of the town, the river setting and the many fields and open green spaces of Whalley provide an attractive rural character to the conservation area.

The buildings in the Whalley area are typically two storey in height with a mix of gabled and hipped pitched roofs. The roofing materials are predominantly plain clay tiles and natural slate.

The pharmacy building itself is constructed of masonry and is 2 storey; the ground floor retail and the first floor offices and further dispensing for nursing homes. The shopfront itself has been designed to preserve the prominent frontages and therefore the Prescription Collection machine and vinyl sign to the front have both been designed with this in mind.

Description of the asset and its significance

I have designed the proposals to limit detrimental impact to the conservation area and everything is in-keeping with the existing features of the Pharmacy and neighbouring retail units.

The proposed 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. The machine will be flush with the shopfront and the frame work will match the existing aluminium frames to the windows and door. Original doors and windows will be retained.

It will have a vinyl wrap to the machine with operating instructions and logo to the front. This sign detail will be in-keeping with the current look of the pharmacy and the existing colours and features.

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Proposed mitigation measures

The Prescription Collection Machine will installed with a day, once the unit is unloaded the vehicle will then leave site. The installation team (no more than 3 will arrive in a smaller vehicle which will be parked on the car park by Co-op or on the street parking to the rear of the property.

With this installation there will be no removal or blocking of any architectural features. All the original features will be maintained. All details of the proposed are shown on drawing 2 submitted with the application. The shutters will be installed on the same day with 1 vehicle present during the 2 hour installation time.