

Design, Access and Method Statement – Proposed Shopfront improvement at 33 King Street, Whalley

This method, design and access statement accompanies the planning application for the replacement of the existing soft wood Georgian style shop front window at 33 King Street, Whalley. The proposed works aim to enhance the building's functionality while preserving and respecting its Georgian character. All interventions have been carefully considered to ensure they are sympathetic to the existing architecture and use appropriate, high-quality materials.

1. Shopfront Window Replacement

- Access will be through the main entrance to the shop
- An application to the Council to temporarily reroute the public footpath in front of the premises will be made to ensure public safety, maintain accessibility and prevent obstruction including wheelchair users and pushchairs.
- The current Georgian-style softwood shopfront window will be removed in a manner that carefully maintains the integrity of the original opening and support structures in line with current Building Regulations.
- All material waste will be removed and disposed of through the local recycling centre
- The new hard wood frame is designed to duplicate the appearance of the previous soft wood frame (not original) and customised to fit the window opening
- The surrounding wood panels will be of hard wood and each fitted to duplicate that which it replaces.
- The new window unit will be double-glazed for improved thermal performance but will faithfully replicate the original multipaned design and profiles, in line with conservation principles.
- The new woodwork will be painted to match the old frame in high quality paint.

2. Materials and Construction Notes

- All new materials will be of high quality, selected to match or complement existing materials where possible.
- Timber joinery will be hardwood where externally exposed, with a focus on durability and heritage compatibility.

3. Compliance and Heritage Sensitivity

- All works will be carried out with regard to local conservation policies and the heritage value of the building.
- Where alterations are made to the original fabric, they will be reversible where feasible.
- Structural and safety interventions will be designed in consultation with appropriate professionals and submitted for Building Regulations approval where required.

4. Conclusion

The proposed works have been carefully considered to enhance the building's functionality, safety, and energy efficiency while maintaining its historic character. This method statement aims to demonstrate a sensitive and practical approach to the refurbishment of a valued heritage asset, in compliance with planning and building control expectations.