

Design and Access Statement

Antico café is situated in the privately owned Littlebrook Centre, Melksham, which consists of various leisure and retail shops. Apart from the stand alone value of the precinct shops it allows access to Waitrose.

The book, An Urban Study for Consultation (2006) states “the small open space (*Littlebrook Centre*) between Bank Street and Somerfield (*now Waitrose*) supermarket is well maintained but lacks any sense of character. Yet it is an important position between Bank Street shops and the Somerfield supermarket.”

This proposal helps address this criticism.

1. This is a small attractive wooden verandah, with over-hanging metal canopy.
This allows two small outside tables to be accommodated and blends in beautifully adding value to the area.
2. The changes have improved access to Antico Café for everyone, including those with mobility needs and created a more convenient outdoor dining experience.
The adjustments also address the previous challenge of the sloping paving slabs, making entry smoother for all visitors.
3. This facility is of enormous value to dog owners who can now enjoy a cup of coffee in the fresh air and especially when the weather is inclement.
4. It is also a huge bonus for the business by increasing customer numbers, especially, at present, when the hospitality sector is struggling to survive.

In all this attractive addition is a bonus for both local and visiting clientele and believe it is not only respectful to the conservation area but enhances it.