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Design & Access Statement

Proposed Fenestration Changes at Unit B3, Ashville Centre, Commerce Way, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ZE

This statement should be read in conjunction with submitted plans AH2026/47

1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared in support of a full planning application for fenestration changes at Unit B3, Ashville Centre, Commerce Way, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ZE.

The development has been carefully designed having regard to the site's context, surrounding built form, and relevant planning policy at both national and local levels.

2. Site and Surroundings

The application site lies within an established commercial park known as Ashville Centre along Commerce Way. The building is Class E, currently occupied by RB Poolman Plumbing. The surrounding buildings are also of similar uses.

The site has parking outside of the property. It is a mid terrace unit, with commercial units either side and to the rear, meaning the property has only front facing fenestration.

3. Design and Layout

The proposal seeks to alter the fenestration on the front elevation of the building. The changes take the form of the existing roller door being reduced in height, and the insertion of a new first floor window.

The new window will provide additional natural light and ventilation to the first floor office space.

The fenestration proposed will match the existing in, form, style and colour. There will be detrimental impact to the surrounding area or buildings as a result of the alterations.

4. Access and Highways

There will be no change to this aspect.

5. Scale

There will be no change to this aspect.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed changes represent an acceptable proposal and are policy-compliant both on local and national levels.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that planning permission be granted.