

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Co-operative Food Store
6 Low Lane
Birstall, Batley
WF17 9EY

Planning ref: 2016/92229

The Co-operative Group are proposing minor alterations and upgrade works to bring the store on Low Lane up to improve shopper experience and bring the decoration and finishing in line with current business standards. The proposals will ensure the special character of the building and the surrounding area is retained and improved.

The Group intends to improve the external aesthetics of the shop front and shopper experience by replacing the existing timber framed windows and with a new aluminium (grey) shop front and door. The new shop front will consist of clear glazing allowing views in to the store from the street whilst also allowing natural light to flood in to the sales area.

In order to establish a straight fronted shop front a new section of stall riser will be constructed. The new section of stall riser will be finished with a black marble effect tile to match the existing stall riser.

The proposed works will ensure the retention and upkeep of current decorative stone coping and lettering above the shop front.

Existing lighting will be replaced along the side elevation and redundant louvres on the side elevation will be removed and openings infilled with brickwork matching the existing red-brick. The larger louvre opening will be retained and increased to allow installation of a new louvre.

The existing AC's will be lowered to allow easier maintenance for specialist engineers.