DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Cafe Rumi, 12,High Street, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST10 1AF.

Introduction

1.0 The design and access statement has been produced on behalf of Mr Z. Karim of Cafe Rumi, in support of a further planning application for alteration to the shop front following the refusal of planning application reference APP No: 08/01691/FUL and the subsequent appeal reference APP/B3438/A/09/2100683, where it was concluded by the Inspector that the significant amount of stonework is the dominant rather than a secondary material and therefore we have tried to address this concern with this further planning application whereby the amount of stonework has been reduced and simple painted timber has been incorporated to the higher level of the ground floor.
It is noted that the row of three victorian terraced buildings with their elaborate oriel windows to the first floor also have stone heads and sills to the first and second storey windows with the application building also having green glazed brickwork pillars and stonework incorporated over the front passageway to the rear.
There are a variety of shop fronts in the High Street and local stone is one of the materials used in the construction of the front elevations.
The existing property has been operating for a significant amount of years as a successful Asian foods establishment.

Proposal

1.1 It is proposed that the existing shop frontage will remain but in part will be altered to stone and wood with the wood being painted in an approved colour. (See Plan No.2 and photographs of the existing frontage and the previous frontage)
It is considered that the amended frontage will retain the existing character of the High Street with its varying designs.
The existing illuminated sign has been located at the premises for over 15 years.
With regard to the height of the stonework to the ground floor i.e. to the top of the stone sill, this will be a similar height to that of the adjacent properties No.8, and the T.S.B. where there is brickwork and rendered brickwork below the sill heights to the above properties.

Access

1.2 The general access will remain unaltered apart from the entrance door being moved to the left hand side of the frontage as indicated on Plan No.2, so as to provide a more practical layout for the restaurant.

Scale

1.3 N/A