

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

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86 Guildford Street Chertsey

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Guildford Street is a busy shopping area in the older part of Chertsey and many of the older buildings fronting on to Guildford Street have individual character which adds to the charm and appearance of this historical part of the town.

86 Guildford Street which presently stands empty last traded as an electrical showroom and has been unoccupied for some time, many of the larger retailers having moved to the more popular shopping centre.

It is undoubtedly important for the existing retail units to be retained within Guildford Street and this proposal looks to improve and enhance the facilities available to attract a new lessee. With added income from the development of residential units above this site the opportunity presents itself to both improve the appearance and the facilities on offer to a possible lessee and at a more competitive rate, thus ensuring an income for the landlord as well as assisting to maintain the street as a busy shopping street.

The existing Guildford Street frontage is unsightly and out of keeping with this historical street and the design sets out to improve the upper elevation of the street scene with a simple but in-keeping frontage that will hopefully blend in with the existing buildings without overpowering them.

Up to date facilities within the retail unit would include a small kitchen, toilet facilities including a disabled facility.



The scheme would include the provision of new external staircases to the proposed new first and second floor apartments and although the provision of a disabled lift would not be provided, access would comply with the necessary regulations required for ambulant users in relation to door, passageway and staircase widths etc.



The proposed rear and side elevations have been designed to provide a modern, light and airy feel and it is felt that this will greatly improve the rear aspect of the building and area in general.

Security to the new apartments will be improved with intercom access and the existing public passageway between the buildings will be improved with better lighting