

Application DC/19/4886/FUL

## **‘Tuck Shop’ forecourt alterations**

This application is for alterations to the forecourt area to improve pedestrian access.

In principle it should be positively welcomed that the Co-op is taking proactive steps to enhance the access to the ‘Tuck Shop’ by less able people.

However in its present form the specific application as presented is not appropriate.

**The Parish Council is recommended to object** for the following reasons:

- The site is key feature and focal point in the village (it is within the Conservation Area), yet the design does little to add value to the street scene.
- The layout, particularly the proposed planters / walls, is poorly thought through. In recreating the low walls in almost the same current position, albeit slightly wider, awkward shapes remain. The triangle adjacent the Manor Close is wasted space for example. There could be a more attractive seating solution where the bench is not located immediately adjacent to the very prominent waste bin.
- The proposed paving materials (coloured concrete blocks) and brushed steel handrails provide an ‘anywhere’ solution in a very visible space.

Whilst the comments above apply to the application as presented (as they must) it is regrettable that the opportunity was not taken to provide an upgrade including bicycle parking.

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