

## PLANNING STATEMENT

### MORRISONS HOME SHOPPING POD AND CANOPY APPLICATION - READING

Dear Sirs,

The principle behind this proposal is to allow additional floorspace within an extension, allowing for home shopping to be facilitated. The proposal involves the construction of an external clad pod with a 4 degree mono-pitch roof designed for preparing home delivery orders along with installation of a profiled clad covered canopy (open on all sides) with all necessary steel supports for 3 No Home Shopping Delivery Vehicles alongside the existing store, protecting staff and drivers from the elements. The additional floorspace is required as the existing store is already fully occupied and cannot accommodate the additional space required. Due to Covid-19 Morrison's wish to encourage on-line shopping for public safety reasons, hence our proposal.

With reference to the Local Plan the proposed development meets the requirements of the policies as follows:

- 3.2.6 - Accords with the spatial strategy within the local plan – South Reading. The supermarket sits within the district centre of Whitley and is therefore an appropriate area for addition to an established employment use.
- CC2 - Sustainable Design and Construction – The proposal aims to meet the requirements for sustainable construction:

*The design of buildings and site layouts use energy, water, minerals, materials and other natural resources appropriately, efficiently and with care and take account of the affects of climate change.*

- CC3 - Adaptation to climate change.  
*The proposal shall minimise the impact of surface water runoff from the development in the design of the drainage system.*
- CC5 – Waste minimisation and storage  
The design for the proposed extension will incorporate recycled and recyclable materials where possible.
- CC8 – Safeguarding amenity  
The proposed extension is within a site already used as a supermarket and will therefore have a limited impact on the character of the area. The proposed extension will appear secondary in nature rather than dominant to the existing supermarket.

Yours sincerely,

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