

DESIGN AND ACCESS REPORT

INPOST PARCEL LOCKER

MFG PETROL STATION, 69 LONDON ROAD, READING RG1 5BW

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Introduction

This Report accompanies and forms part of a retrospective application by InPost for a parcel locker at MFG Petrol Station 69, London Road, Reading.

Accompanying the application is an explanation of the purpose of the locker system prepared by InPost

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Use. The use of the locker system and the individual locker the subject of this application is set out in the accompanying report.

Amount. The locker in this location is the Modular 3M model which comprises four lockers on one side of the terminal and one on the other side. This gives an overall length of 2.9 metres, a height of 2.4 metres and a depth of 0.8 metres with a canopy of 1.8 metres

Layout. The structure is located on the existing tarmac and brick base with pedestrian access from the forecourt of the retail outlet forming part of and adjoining the site.

Scale. As set out above the scale of the locker is considered consistent with the overall scale of the existing retail building and the immediate surroundings and is seen as subservient visually to those matters.

Appearance. The structure has the overall appearance of a display facility and is constructed in powder coated metal colour white with black detailing.

Access. Pedestrian and Vehicular access is from the area to the front of the site. Car parking is adjacent to the site.

It is considered that the proposal is consistent with general policy and is appropriate to the local area in terms of its design, siting and relationship to the development it forms part of. The locker is located between Calor Gas and home fuels storage areas and is closely related to the illuminated garage sign. The site around the locker is illuminated by external lights on separate poles. Close to the locker is a vehicle washing facility and a 24hour shop/off licence facility in the fuel paying facility.

The parcel locker fronts onto a wide pedestrian and vehicular area and it is considered does not affect the living conditions of adjoining dwelling units at Tyrrel Court.

As set out in the InPost Report the purpose of the system is to reduce small van movements by providing a single point for persons to collect parcels next to shops/filling stations. The site is served by a small van once a day during normal hours and on average some 8-10 clients would need to visit the site in a 24 hour period, a significantly small number when placed against the normal visitors to the petrol station facilities.

The locker operates on a 24 hour basis but deliveries to it only occur between 0900 and 1730 hrs.

CCTV is standard on all machines which is recorded onto a hard drive inside the machine. Cameras are on a proximity sensor and recordings can be accessed remotely via a central server. The CCTV includes a face recognition camera on the console unit and two cameras covering the machine doors. Notices are displayed advising of CCTV in operation.

There are also LED's above each column which operate on a dusk to dawn sensor that lights downwards onto the machine doors.

There is a 24/7 helpline which is displayed on the machine. The machine sound is turned off outside normal hours of the retail unit.

The locker has an automatic voice response which due to the nature of the site is to be muted.

Due to the nature of the site it is considered that the installation of a parcel locker in this location will not significantly or materially detract from the area.

It is not considered that there is any aspect of this proposal which offends community safety as it is only persons visiting the locker and the adjoining commercial unit who would need to access the site. The site is well lit at night and the locker has its own lighting for security reasons.

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