

Design and Access Statement for extension of current facilities of William Armes, Church Field Road Sudbury.

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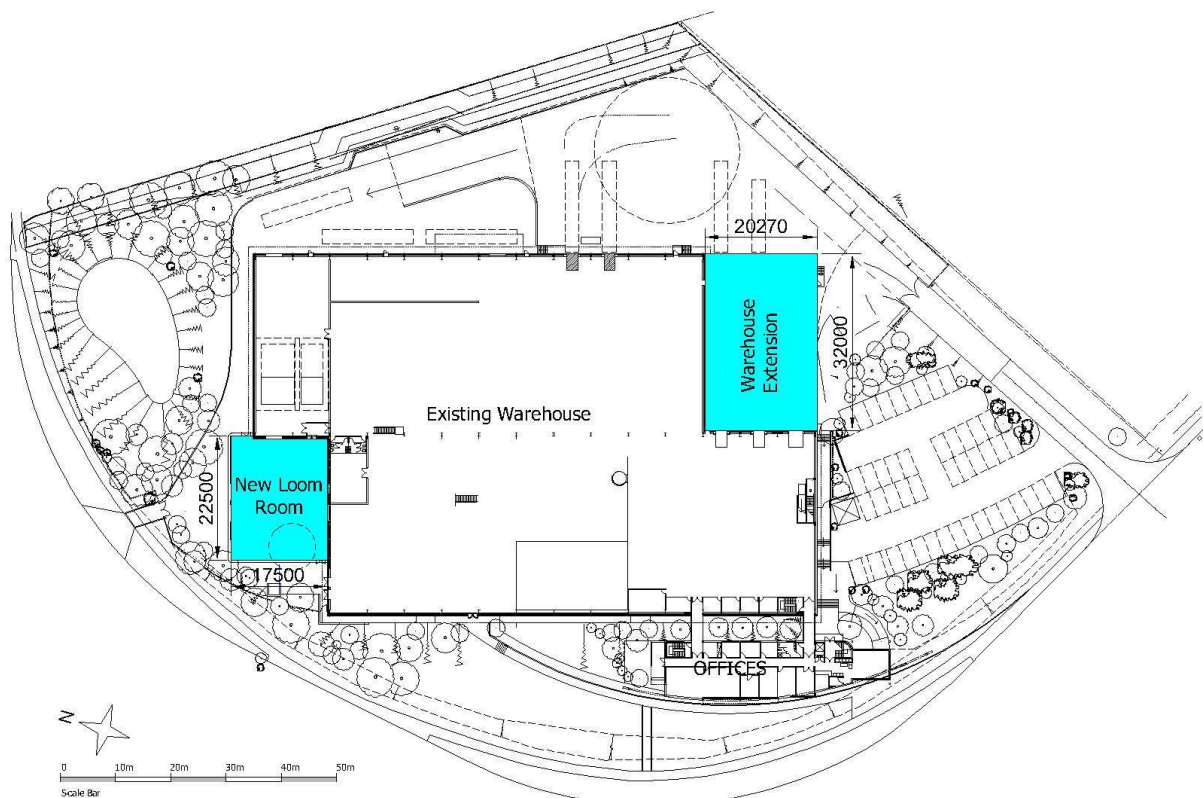
William Armes limited are a leading manufacturer and distributor of mats, matting, rugs and runners.

Formed in 1830 and originally based in Kings Lynn, Norfolk they moved to Sudbury in 1888 and since 2018 have been part of the Likewise plc.

Being part of the Likewise Group has enabled the company to expand and refresh its product offering with more new launches planned, to the extent that the company wish to increase the size of their production and warehouse at Church Field Road, on the east side of the Chilton Industrial estate, Sudbury.

The Church Field Road site is some 4.4 acres with of production, warehouse and office accommodation. The site includes staff parking, delivery yard, sprinkler tank, balancing pond, electrical sub-station and landscaping

Proposal



The proposal is to increase the footprint by increasing the warehouse at it's Southeast corner by 650 square metres by infilling the existing recessed corner, and to build a new 390 square metre loom room to the Northwest corner.

Warehouse Extension

The proposal is to follow the lines and detail of the existing building as such the warehouse will not project beyond the current east or south faces lines of the existing warehouse walls. In elevation the curved roof will be pulled forward to maintain the same line. Preapplication advice has been sort from the council and they did suggest maintaining a small set back. This was considered but it would affect the efficient working internal layout and internally space is at a premium. As part of the company's procedures delivery lorries from within the group return to other depots with palletised goods so reducing the number of vehicle movement. The additional space will provide greater working and temporary storage for this. Elevationally the proposal is to maintain and extend the standing seam curved roof, with same end and eaves detailing. The existing theme of using differing external wall cladding has been repeated to break up the visual effect along the length the warehouse elevations.

Loom Room

Currently the looms are within the small area to the north end of the warehouse, but it is confined. Building a new room will create more circulation space and material storage.

The room has is a flat roof set at a lower level than the main roof, whilst the walls are all in the "Microrib" horizontal cladding all to minimise the visual mass of the design.

In order to create a sufficient footprint for the loom room the existing sprinkler tank ill be removed. A sprinkler installation is not required under the building regulations nor by the companies' insurers.

Landscaping

There is a need to amend the internal road line to the north and northwest of warehouse and some vegetation to be cut back to allow for full fire brigade access. This will be kept to a minimum.

Site Access

The existing access for cars and lorries remains as existing with no changes to the number of car parking spaces and no changes to the service yard access.

Electric Vehicle

It is proposal to install three electric vehicle charging point within the existing car park for staff and visitor use.

Building Access

Currently there is unhindered and level access to and within the warehouse and associated offices. Disabled toilets were part of the original scheme and comply with the current regulations in terms of location, travel distances etc. The proposed additions have no effect on this.