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HERITAGE STATEMENT

**Proposed Refurbishment and Alterations
Woolpit Foodstore
The Street
Woolpit
IP30 9SA**

for EAST OF ENGLAND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

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HERITAGE STATEMENT

1.0 Introduction

The site is located within the centre of Woolpit Conservation Area and within an area consisting of a number of other listed buildings and undesignated heritage assets.

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest as follows:

Name: Co-op, The Street

List entry Number: 1181717

Location: Co-op, THE STREET

County: Suffolk

District: Mid Suffolk

District Type: District Authority

Parish: Woolpit

Grade: II

Date first listed: 15-Nov-1954

Date of most recent amendment: 18-Apr-1988

DETAILS: WOOLPIT THE STREET (north east side) Co-op

Formerly listed as Shop Premises opposite 15.11.54 Granmore Cottage GVII shop with accommodation above. Probably C16, with C19 remodelling. Timber-framed, encased to front in mid C19 gault brick. Plaintiled roof with a C19 end chimney of gault brick. 2 storeys, 3-cell plan. 4 window main range: a C19 extension to right, slated, 2 windows wide. C19 small-pane sashes with flat arches of gauged brick. C19 6-panelled entrance door. Large late C19 or early C20 flat-roofed bay shop windows. Interior not examined.

2.0 Proposed Works

The proposed works consist of internal alterations and refit of the supermarket together with associated internal and external refurbishment works.

Internal works will comprise:

Sales area to be extended with removal of walls etc. as shown, with part floor to void over removed to form new vaulted ceiling. Structural works all to engineer's details. Make good all walls, ceiling, floor to match. All new steelwork to be plasterboard cased and decorated white. Removal works will include a small redundant inaccessible stair flight which is currently boxed in.

To sales area remove existing vinyl floor tiles and provide new tiles in grey (final spec to be confirmed).

Carry out local repairs where necessary and redecorate ceiling in white emulsion as existing.

Remove existing fluorescent batten lights and replace with new led spec white batten fittings.

Relay sales area with new fixtures to layout shown, subject to final approval.

External works will comprise:

Carry out local repairs to timber shop fronts where necessary, all to match and redecorate in grey RAL 5008.

Carry out local repairs to other joinery where necessary, all to match and redecorate, in white to windows and door frame, grey RAL 5008 to doors, black to fascia/soffit.

Redecorate existing painted brickwork colour light cream, all to match as existing, including black plinth and black first floor lintels.

Remove existing shop front awning and provide new to same style and dimensions in white with dark blue stripe.

Remove vinyl graphics from existing shop front windows and leave windows clear.

Retain existing hanging sign bracket and decorate black. Remove sign and provide new to same dimension as current East of England Co-op logo. Approval of sign to be subject to separate Advertisement Consent application.

The proposed extension to the sales area and the structural alterations will enable a significant improvement in the sales area circulation and the overall service to customers. The overall impact of this work on the fabric of the building will be of minimal significance overall in the context of the stated listed building entry which makes no reference to any internal elements.

The proposed internal refurbishment works will have no material impact on the historic fabric and structure of the building.

The external works again will have no material impact on the historic fabric and structure of the building. The shopfront redecoration in a new colour scheme is considered to be an enhancement and should provide an improved visual appearance when compared to the current colour scheme. The choice of RAL 5008 as the predominant colour has been carefully chosen and successfully used on a number of other East of England Co-operative stores located in heritage locations where either the building is listed or is located in a conservation area.

We conclude that the proposed works to this listed building will be undertaken sympathetically and in keeping with the existing building and all its physical features, which so far as is practical will be left unaltered. These works will have no detrimental impact on the appearance, character or setting of the building and those historical features as identified within the listing description.

3.0 Site Photographs

Front elevation to The Street, northwest end



Front elevation to The Street, southeast end



Interior view from customer entrance



Interior view of first floor void area to be incorporated in to vaulted ceiling above sales area extension, looking towards the head of the redundant stair

