

ACCESS STATEMENT

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Proposed rooftop terrace, as an external annex to the existing Hideout Café located on the first floor level at Aberafan Shopping Centre, Port Talbot

PROPOSED LOCATION OF ROOFTOP TERRACE



Aberavon Shopping Centre is centrally located, close to the Port Talbot Civic Centre and designed as a purpose built, modern shopping complex

Close to the both bus and railway stations the centre is readily accessed via public transport

The application seeks permission for the change of use of an external flat roof area located on the first floor level at the Aberafan Shopping Centre, Port Talbot.

The Hideout Café is located at the first floor level and is a popular venue within the shopping centre. The current access is DDA compliant and with the easy access to both the lift and the toilet facilities it provides good access for all, as well as good food and refreshments, the café proves to be an important element to the Aberafan Shopping Centre experience.

The proposed rooftop terrace will provide an additional facility that will help the business grow and provide new additional employment.

The proposal is to provide new access from the public walkway at the first floor level within the shopping centre, onto a new area of timber decking which includes suitable safety balustrading, constructed over the existing area of flat roof. This area will be designated as the rooftop terrace annexed to the existing Hideout Café.

Health and Safety is vitally important for the wellbeing of both customers and staff alike and the proposal includes for a “waitress or waiter only service” With orders processed at the existing café and delivered directly to the tables via the public walkway.

The close proximity of the café to terrace will lend itself perfectly to this type of service and generate the need for additional staffing levels.

The rooftop terrace will also be designated as a no smoking area.

All proposed construction work will be compliant with Approved document M of the current Building Regulations.

Discussions have taken place with the management of the Aberafan Shopping Centre and in principal the proposal has been both welcomed and approved.

