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CCTV Locations

**Junction of Lowther Street
& King Street
Whitehaven**

Heritage Impact Assessment
Design & Access Statement

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1.0 Introduction

This design and access statement has been produced to accompany the planning application for the relocation of CCTV from the Burton Building to the highways land on Lowther Street.

There is an existing CCTV camera on the corner of Burton building installed at high level. Cumbria Constabulary do not own the building. The building owner has expressed that they will not be renewing the agreement for the installation of the CCTV and therefore CC need to make alternative arrangements before the existing agreement ceases. This application is therefore seeking a new location for the camera in close proximity to the existing.

2.0 Site Location

The site is in the centre of the Whitehaven Town Centre Conservation Area and within the pedestrian zone, with numerous retail establishments on.

Burton building is located on the corner of Lowther Street and King Street, Whitehaven.

3.0 The Proposal

Cumbria Constabulary have identified a suitable location for a CCTV camera.

There is an existing low-level lighting and signage column could be utilised, situated on the corner of King Street & Lowther Street. The proposal would be to replace the lighting column, with a taller structure encapsulating the following: lighting, signage and CCTV in place on the 1no. pole.

The column would also house an electrical cabinet base which would also remove the current cabinet situated further down the street. The current cabinet is situated on the boundary of the neighbouring property on King Street within the pedestrian zone and on a key view along the main pedestrian throughfare. Another benefit of this proposal would be the removal of street scene clutter within the conservation area, which has been identified as a wider issue within the Conservation Management Plan for Whitehaven Town Centre. The proposal is therefore supported by Draft Policy BE1PU; which looks to enhance the appearance of a conservation area.



Google street view image

The proposed column electric cabinet base measures 400x400 and 1240mm high until tapering to a 168mm diameter column. Dimension drawings are enclosed as part of this planning application. The proposal is for a 4m high column. This will be under the height of the building roof, at a similar installation height to the existing camera and provide ample surveillance up and down the street, ensuring the existing vista will be retained from the new position.

4.0 Construction

The works will require localised excavations to provide suitable footings for the new column. The proposal is to retain, reuse and reinstate the existing pavement and road finishes. The column and cabinet will appear as one unit, finished black to match the surrounding street signage/lighting, helping to maintain a clutter free street scene.

5.0 Conclusion

The proposed location of the CCTV on a column instead of a building wayleave will remove the risk for Cumbria Constabulary of having to find an alternative location in the future. In addition, it enables CC to keep the existing surveillance presence within the local area with minimal disruption and remove some street clutter, improving the street scene within the Conservation Area.