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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Units 1 & 2 Pears House, Harbourside, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 7HR,

Glazed pergola with retractable roof.

The site

The site is a level platform in front of the entrance to Anna's Café. The area is, at present surrounded by a glazed balustrade. The intention is to provide more protection from the prevailing weather conditions to enable al fresco dining and a café culture.

Layout, design and proportion

The design is a very simple plastic coated steel frame with sliding or folding glazed walls and a folding glass roof. It is expected that the whole construction will be demountable and can be stored away in the harshest of winter months. Pears House is a large modern complex building with glass fascias and balustrades and the structure will harmonise with the design principles of the building. The whole structure will be translucent and will have minimal visual presence, while at the same time present an outdoor café culture experience.

Conclusions.

The proposals are to increase the period of each year that al fresco, café culture can be sustained, providing a wider and more diverse local and tourist facility on the harbourside, thus increasing recreational use of this valuable facility.

The proposals are recommended to Copeland Borough Council Planning Authority.

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