

Design Description

Job No. 5507

Project Title **MACFARLANE PACKAGING, B6 Broadlands Heywood Distribution Park, Heywood OL1 2TS**

1.00 Site Context

MacFarlane Packaging is located within one warehouse on the Heywood Distribution Park. The Park is accessed off either Pilsworth Road or Moss Hall Road. Within the site MacFarlane Packaging is located in the northwest corner of the Park. MacFarlane Packaging occupies the whole of unit B6 under one tenancy. Adjacent units are held by B&Q and DFS. The Distribution Park is sited off Junction 3 of the M66.

2.00 Design Summary

MacFarlane Packaging wish to enhance and extend their facility at Heywood. The new facilities will be built within the curtilage of the existing warehouse. The installation will provide, a reception space, customer toilets, kitchen, and a presentation and salesroom. As well as these customer facing facilities, there is a back office, a printing room, a testing room and some storage spaces. The whole installation has been called the I-Lab. The facility will be separate from the existing offices, and will have its own entrance off the carpark. In order to visually identify the entrance a new free-standing canopy will be provided.

3.00 Detail Design

The new facilities will be constructed entirely within the curtilage and existing external walls of the Heywood warehouse, they will be separate to the existing offices, but will still be under control of and wholly operated by Macfarlane Packaging.

The facility will principally be used as a marketing/presentation suite for MacFarlane's products, additionally there will be an ancillary office printing room and testing laboratory. Completing the loadout will be a kitchenette and WCs.

The new suite will not have access to openable windows and will be ventilated artificially. Heating will be provided by air conditioning units. This strategy for heating and ventilating the building will require the provision of three louvred openings in the existing profiled metal façade, and new chiller units mounted externally on the perimeter paving.

The facility will utilise an existing entrance, however to emphasis the entrance for client use the proposals incorporate a decorative canopy. Alongside the canopy a sign is proposed consisting of the MacFarlane logo in 3-D lettering.

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Access

The current facility has 57 carparking spaces including 6 accessible spaces. The proposals incorporate an extension to the hard landscaped area to the front of the warehouse at the expense of 1 carparking space, reducing the number of spaces to 56. The new facility incorporates a raised floor to facilitate routing electrical services. The existing paving slabs immediately outside the main entrance are to be raised to maintain a level access into the facility.