Design and Access Statement

**Design**

The existing Workshop Stores are to be converted into Workshops and the building provided with a rear extension 5.6m in depth by 9.8m in width.

The form and appearance of the extended building will follow the theme of the existing flat roofed Stores. The choice of the external materials will be selected to match the type, colour and texture of the existing building where possible.

**Access**

Level external access is available within the site to the perimeter of the Workshop. Entrances to each of the Workshops will have level thresholds.
The Fire Service workshop was constructed in 1980 to accommodate the repair and maintenance of the counties fire service fleet appliances vans cars and fire fighting equipment.

Since this time the workload has increased and space within the workshop is at a premium. The conversion of the Stores plus the provision of a new extension will provide three separate work areas for maintenance work on Ladders, Hydraulic Equipment and Breathing Apparatus, thus eliminating any prospect of cross contamination.

By doing this minor extension and rebuild, the main vehicle workshop will also have available two additional bays to allow access of the latest Aerial rescue appliances into the workshop due to the relocation of the ladder technician.

The relocation of the equipment workshops into one location will give better management control over the three areas, at present they are located in either different parts of the main Service Headquarters building or at Kettering Fire station.