**CM Wood Body Repair Centre, Linden Park, Littlehampton:**
**Proposed new Reception Office to replace existing Cabin**

**ENVIRONMENT**
The site lies on the boundary between a residential area comprising Victorian terraced cottages and an area mainly occupied with industrial uses. The residential buildings are generally side-on to the industrial zone, and the Application site lies behind a flint rubble wall which was probably originally a field boundary.
The Repair Centre is a general industrial use located in an industrial area; the application does not involve any changes to the processes or scale of operation.

**DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**
The replacement Reception Office structure is required in order to provide waiting and WC facilities suitable for physically handicapped people. The proposed building is intended to occupy the same site as the existing Reception cabin, but is planned to present a neater and more positive appearance, and to go some way towards concealing some of the unsightly areas to the south of the existing cabin. The form, materials, and colouring of the new structure follows the general scheme of the existing buildings, but it is also intended to carry out a general re-decoration and refurbishment of the exterior parts of the other buildings in the Repair Centre that face Linden Park if permission is granted for the new Reception Office.

**ACCESS**
The proposed structure adjoins the access to the Repair Centre, and generally access to the site and to the reception office would not be different to the existing arrangement. The significant improvement is for the benefit of customers and employees with personal mobility difficulties, as the pedestrian access to the reception office is planned to be level, whereas currently there are three difficult steps. No additional traffic flow should be generated as a result of providing these facilities.

