

APPENDIX I

SHOP SECURITY

Roller Shutters

Roller shutters require planning permission and are generally unsuitable, particularly in conservation areas, main shopping streets and district or local shopping centres. However, exceptions may be made in the following cases:

- Where the shopfront is of an open type with no window, such as traditional fishmongers, butchers and greengrocers, and where no alternative solution is feasible.
- In isolated locations where security poses special problems or where there is no acknowledged need to retain a visible display outside opening hours.
- External, protruding box housings and solid roller shutters are not normally acceptable.

CCTV

The Council is introducing a network of CCTV cameras to the three major town centres. It is hoped that commercial operators in Runnymede will take the opportunity to subscribe to a scheme which will provide them with increased security. This should reduce the need to instal security grilles. The CCTV systems should become fully operational in the late spring of 1997. For further information, contact :- Mr. Dodd Manager, Safer Runnymede, Ext.

Alarm boxes

When installing an alarm box its siting has to be considered according to the design of the shopfront, it must not obscure or harm the architectural details. The alarm box is best sited out of reach and at the corner of the fascia if positioned on the shopfront. On a listed building it must be painted to suit the shop colour scheme.

Listed Buildings

If the shop concerned is part of a listed building, listed building consent will be required for the installation of security measures.

When considering applications for security grilles on listed buildings the Council will apply higher standards. The pattern of the grille will have to be sympathetic to the building, shutters and prominent box housings will not be acceptable.

Existing Shutters

Original or traditional wooden shutters should be retained where possible, correctly maintained and painted. Where modern roller shutters are installed without permission the Council will take enforcement action to secure their removal.

For further information :

Runnymede Borough Council,
Civic Offices, Station Road,
Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2AH

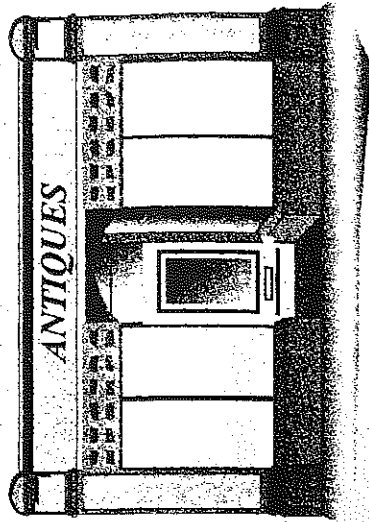


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Introduction

It is important to protect and preserve character in our shopping streets, likewise it is important that shops enhance that character with high standards of shopfront design. At the same time we realise the necessity for adequate security systems. This leaflet has been produced to suggest acceptable ways of accomplishing this.

Laminated Glass

The first solution that ought to be considered is the installation of laminated glass as it provides security without affecting the appearance of your property.

This method is different to other security systems as no additional installations or fixings are required and no consents are normally needed merely to install laminated safety glass (though listed building consent may be required).

Small paned windows are less inviting to damage and are cheaper to replace than larger sheets of glass. The introduction of small windows divided by mullions and transoms is often an attractive alteration.

Internal Grilles

The next most acceptable solution is the use of internal grilles, these do not require planning permission. Where the shop is part of a listed building, listed building consent may be required.

Removable or Demountable Grilles

All external grilles require planning permission. However, as no bulky box housing is required, removable grilles are generally a preferable alternative to internal ones if:

- Fixings are concealed or painted to match the shop frame.
- Fixings do not damage architectural features or mouldings.
- When in place, the grilles do not cover the pilasters.

In conservation areas and on listed buildings, such grilles should be colour finished to match the shopfront or bronze anodised, and must be stored inside the shop or otherwise out of sight when not in use.

External Roller grilles

External roller grilles require planning permission.

To obtain such permission the following points should be addressed:-

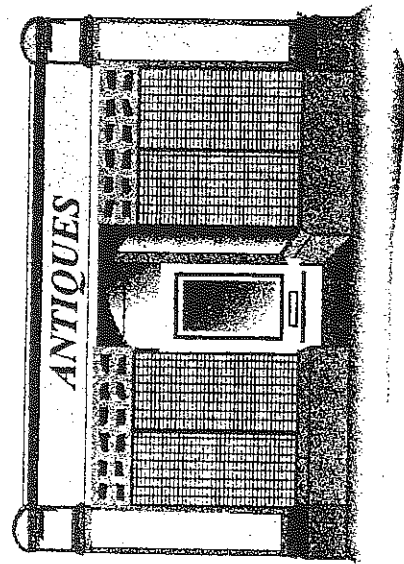
■ The box housings for roller security devices are bulky and unattractive. They must be concealed behind the fascia or incorporated flush beneath it.

■ Fixed guidance channels should either be concealed or painted to match the shop frame.

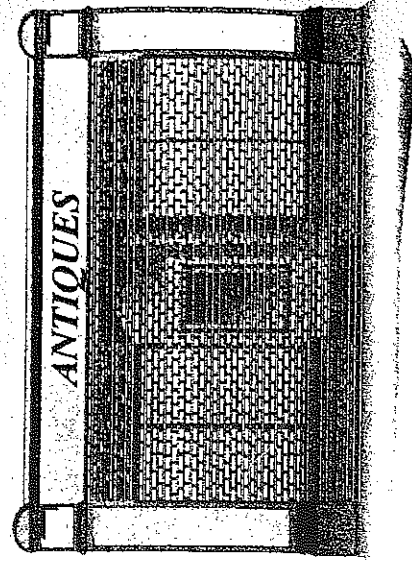
■ On listed buildings and in conservation areas grilles should be colour finished to match the shopfront concerned or bronze anodised.

■ The box housing or guide channels must not obscure any existing architectural features on the shopfront.

■ Grilles must not cover pilasters when down.



An External Demountable Grille



An External Roller Shutter