

5. Retention of Original Features

5.1. The retention of architectural features of merit can help integrate a new shop front into a building. (Fig. 3). The shop front should not be considered as merely an insertion into the building.



Fig. 3

5.2. Where a traditional or historic shop front exists, the Council will insist on its retention by means of appropriate repair or restyling. Where traditional features remain, their retention and restoration will be encouraged (Fig. 4).



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

5.3. Traditional features may have been removed from many shops, whilst others are concealed by more recent alterations. Where original features no longer exist, it may be desirable to reinstate or replace them with similar features. Any disfiguring later additions should be removed, damage repaired and features reinstated with materials that are the same as, or match, the original.

5.4. Existing Victorian or Edwardian pilasters, consoles and fascias should remain undisturbed, or be restored where altered (Fig. 5).