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Heritage Statement to Support Planning Application - HSBC UK Neath

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Site Address:

HSBC UK Bank
3 Windsor Road
Neath
West Glamorgan
SA11 1LN

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.01 The proposals can readily be broken-down into the following components which form the content of this application:

- (i) Removal of counter service and infilling of counter with a partition wall; new decoration to affected area.

2.0 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

2.01 Three storey 5 bay ashlar front. Triangular pediment over advanced 3 centre bays, modillion cornice. Egg and dart moulding to top of plain frieze; moulded architrave. Blocking courses. Four Ionic columns with torus moulded bases rise from first floor sill level. Similar detail to pilasters on outer bay.

Moulded shouldered architraves to second floor windows. Aprons drop to pediments over pulvinated friezes with side scrolls to first floor windows. Symmetrically disposed triangular and segmental pediments, moulded architraves. Sash windows, 6 small panes to upper sash only.

Plain entablature over channelled ground floor. Modern fascia sign. Advanced round arched doorways to outer bays, console keystones. Plain fanlights, panelled double doors.

Round arched windows to centre bays, stressed keystones, modern glazing, moulded sills. Two windows partly blocked for modern cash dispensers.

Listing Ref: 11825

3.0 SIGNIFICANCE OF HERITAGE ASSET

3.01 The architectural & historical interest of this building is significant, considering its provenance. The site is a significant asset to the surrounding area as it holds a prominent presence on the Windsor Road.
The grade II listed building is also sited within a conservation area, further emphasising its architectural merit.

4.0 CONTRIBUTION OF ITS SETTING TO THAT SIGNIFICANCE

- 4.01 The architectural character and appearance is typical of banks of this and earlier periods, signifying solidity and respectability relating to the building's use. Its location is of great significance to the building's heritage, located within a busy commercial area and within the conservation area.

5.0 DESIGN CONCEPT

- 5.01 The bank is currently undertaking a project to modernise and reshape the way their banks operate in the digital age. To this end, services becoming increasingly redundant are being removed from their propositions requiring a degree of alteration to the bank's internal layout.

6.0 IMPACT OF THE PROPOSALS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE

- 6.01 The works, as a whole, are to facilitate an improved the customer experience of HSBC UK. We believe the proposed works will respect the buildings original features and will not have a negative impact on the building or the surrounding area.

7.0 SOURCE

- 7.01 <http://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/listedbuilding/FullReport?lang=en&id=11825>