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Design, Access & Heritage Statement to Support Full, ADV & LBC Planning Applications.

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Site Address:

HSBC UK Bank plc
3 Windsor Road
Neath
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) Replacement of external self-service ATM with new model, with associated works.
- (ii) Replacement of external ATM signage.
- (iii) Replacement of internal self-service machines with new models, with associated works.

2.0 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

2.01 *Late C19/early C20 classical bank. 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 dispenser & night safe.*

3.0 SIGNIFICANCE OF HERITAGE ASSET

3.01 The architectural & historical interest of this building is significant, considering its age, location and overall importance to the local street scene. The site is a significant asset to the surrounding area as it holds a prominent presence upon Windsor Road and the general pedestrianised area, located opposite the towns train station. 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 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 / STATEMENT

- 5.01 The bank is currently undertaking a national programme consisting of the replacement of all internal & external self-service equipment, due to the existing equipment being at end of life. The replacement external machine will be installed on the same centre lines as the existing. However, due to the increased size of the proposed machine, the aperture will need to be slightly increased to suit. To accommodate for this, a section of the stone below the existing aperture will be removed to suit the new aperture height. The stone infill blocking a section of the window above will be removed, allowing for the reinstatement of the window to the original cill height. The replacement window will be constructed from timber to match the existing, with the lower section of glazing blocked with black vinyl, for security purposes. The upper fan light section of glazing will remain clear. To ensure the replacement machine is wheelchair accessible, it will be pushed further forward than the existing, roughly in line with the external face of the building. The exposed neck of the machine will then be encased in matching buffed sandstone, to incorporate the buildings features and create a more sympathetic install. Refer to PR03-PL1 section & elevation for further details. Following the replacement of the ATM, the signage above will also be replaced to suit.

Internally, the self-service machines will be removed where shown, with their apertures in-filled to match the current stud wall build up and made good. New internal machines will be installed where shown, through existing apertures. These apertures will be increased to suit the new machine requirements. Please note these apertures/machines are located through a modern stud partition and will not affect the original fabric of the building. As part of the 'making good' works, an area of vinyl flooring will be replaced along with general redecoration works to accommodate.

Please refer to PR01-PL1 for full scope details.

- 5.02 Scale;
The scale of the building will be unchanged by this application.
- 3.03 Layout;
The layout of the site will be unchanged by this application.
- 3.04 Landscape;
The landscape treatment of the site will not be affected by this application.
- 3.05 Appearance;
The appearance of the property will not be negatively affected by this application as the works are minimal and are for the replacement of existing equipment.

6.0 ACCESS STATEMENT

- 6.01 Vehicular and pedestrian access to the site will be unchanged by this application.

7.0 IMPACT OF THE PROPOSALS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE

- 7.01 The works, as a whole, are to ensure HSBC UK continue to provide access to cash outside of banking hours. 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.

8.0 SOURCE

- 8.01 [Midland Bank, Neath, Neath Port Talbot \(britishlistedbuildings.co.uk\)](http://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk)