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If you have any queries about a visit to a site, please email richard@axis-architecture.com or call 07912731638.

Design, Access & Heritage Statement to Support LBC Planning Application.

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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 ATM signage.

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. Following the replacement of the external ATM, the signage above will also be replaced to suit on the same centre lines as the existing. Refer to PR03-PL1 section & elevation for further 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)