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Introduction

This statement has been prepared to support an application for the decommission Barclays Bank, 9 The Parade Neath. The building is Grade II Listed and is situated within a Conservation Area.

Appraisal:

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 11819

Date first listed: 05-Jan-1989

List Entry Name: Barclays Bank

Statutory Address: Barclays Bank, 9 The Parade, Neath SA11 1RE

Location

Unitary Authority: Neath Port Talbot

Details

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History

Early C20 classical style bank.

Reason for designation

Similar detail to 2 bay right end elevation.

Resource from - Listed Buildings - Full Report - Heritage Bill Cadw Assets - Reports (cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net)

1.Proposal Amount:

The building has been a Barclays Bank for several years, serving the local community during this time. This building is in a prominent central location alongside other businesses and financial institutions within an established town centre community.

2. Proposed works to the existing building

The intention externally is to:

Front elevation:

- Existing branch nameplate to be removed and made good.
- Existing night safe to be removed and existing aperture to be infilled with stonework to match existing.
- Existing heritage projecting sign to be removed and made good.
- Existing heritage signage to be removed and made good.
- Existing ATM to be removed and existing aperture to be infilled with stonework to match existing.
- Existing ADT alarm box to be removed and made good.
- Existing redundant letter box to be sealed internally.
- Existing ATM to be removed. Section of existing aperture to be infilled with stonework to match existing. Existing windows to be re-instated to match existing.
- Existing CCTV camera to be removed and made good.
- All posters and vinyl's to be removed.

The intention internally is to:

- Existing Barclays fittings to be removed from all floors.
- Existing cashier's counters to be removed from the ground floor.
- Existing loose furniture removed from all floors.

The proposed works are intended to return the building to pre-Barclays occupation as much as it is possible preserving the listed building status.

The original building fabric will not be altered, removed, or concealed. All existing original features will not be affected by the proposed works. All works are intended to involve the minimum intervention and to be reversible in the future, allowing the building to evolve and maintain the possibility of new uses or layouts within the context of its listed status. The strip out works will be accommodated within the footprint of the bank. The works are not considered to have any adverse impact to the existing appearance and amenity of the application site and that of its neighbours.

Schedule of Works

- No alterations to existing ceiling, wall finishes, floor finishes, architraves, and skirtings
- Degas AC units and retain both the internal units and external condensers
- Boilers retained in use to provide frost protection (Gas & Water to remain live)
- Lighting & Fire Alarm system retained in use
- Small power isolated unless supplying any retained services

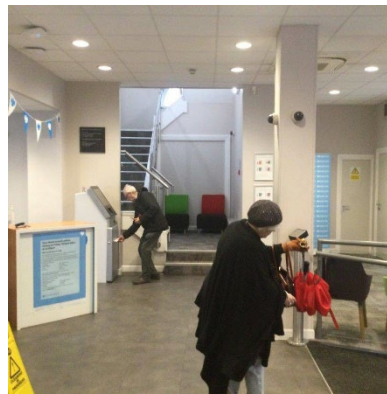
External

- No alternations to existing doors, windows, and façade (unless affected by Signage or SS machine removals)
- Removal of Barclays Main Signage above Entrance – make good timber panel & decorate
- Removal of 2no. External ATM's (Infill LHS aperture with matching stonework & infill RHS aperture with matching stonework & replacement window – window to be re-instated to match adjacent ones)
- Removal of external night safe and infill with matching stonework



Ground Floor

- Removal of furniture and fixings, counters and glazed partitions
- Retain existing partitions, flooring, ceilings and doors
- Night safe to be removed
- Secure letterbox internally
- Remove any Barclays branded material/marketing
- Remove racking & shelving from Strong Room (Strong Room door to be pinned back)
- Remove all IT & Security elements



1st & 2nd Floors

- Removal of furniture and fixings
- Retain existing partitions, flooring, ceilings and doors
- Retain Toilets and Staff Room/Kitchen



3. Statement of significance

Below there is a brief description of the asset and the heritage value of the area.

Exterior

Three storey, 5 bay ashlar front, rounded corners. Steeply pitched slate roofs, tall chimneys, corniced caps, necking bands. Balustraded parapets to outer bays, returned to side elevations. Modillion cornice, plain frieze, moulded architrave. Half round Corinthian columns to outer bays rise from bases at first floor sill level. Moulded shouldered architraves to second floor, 2 light windows. Sashes flanking central mullions. Cross windows to first floor, inset sashes, moulded architraves. Triangular

pediment to centre and outer bays with balustraded balconies. Flat labels to others. Similar detail to 2 bay right end elevation.

Interior

Plain entablature over channelled ground floor with plinth. Advanced outer bays with Ionic quarter columns to angles with centre bays. Round arched windows, rusticated architraves, stressed quoins, continuous impost band. Sill band. Modern glazing. Doorway to centre flanked by Ionic half columns on bases. Cavetto reveals. Fanlight over modern name board to panelled double doors.

Neath Town centre:

Information regarding materials and architectural style in the Neath Town Centre is missing and cannot be found anywhere. No appraisal from council website available.