



NATWEST RETAIL CLOSURES – NATWEST RETAIL CLOSURES – NEATH SA11 1DB
NRC24/LET0002 - HERITAGE STATEMENT

1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement accompanies a planning and listed building consent application for minor external alterations to the former NatWest Bank, a Grade II listed building in Neath. The proposals relate specifically to the removal of banking infrastructure—namely, the external ATM, night safe, and external signage. Internal works also include sealing existing letter box, and removal of internal counters and all furniture.

The following statement explains the design principles and concepts along within the required aspects of 'Heritage Impact Assessment in Wales' guidance along with the required aspects of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012.

Heritage Category: Listed Building Grade: II

List Entry Number: 11787

Date first listed: 05/01/1989

Location Statutory Address: 35 Green St, Neath SA11 1DB

2. Historic Interest

Convex 7 bay 2 bay storey front. Balustraded parapet, moulded cornice. Panelled pilasters to first floor bays, broader to outer ends. Small paned 2 light casement windows. Moulded architraves, stressed keystones. Deep entablature to ground floor. Disc metopes and triglyphs with guttae to frieze. Modern fascia to centre. Doric columns on bases to ground floor bays, additional pilasters with similar details to outer corners. Low railings across bays. Tall round arched windows, moulded arches and impost blocks, keystones form consoles to entablature. Small paned glazing with fanlights. Similar detail to centre doorway. Blind tympanum with foliate carving, moulded architrave, panelled double doors. Further doorway under fanlight to let hand bay.

<https://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/listedbuilding/FullReport?lang=&id=11787>

3. Setting

The building is formed as part of a terrace building on a high street. This building is at the end of the row and facing the high street.

4. Fabric/ Features

The building is of masonry construction with stone exterior. Both entrance doors are decorated with stone doric columns and stone casing. There are a total of 8 arches housing windows / doors.



5. Description of Proposed Works

The proposal involves:

- Removal of modern internal counters and associated stud partitions.
- Removal of external signage surfaces will be made good.
- Removal of a night safe and ATM units, with the openings infilled using brickwork to match existing materials in type, colour, and finish.
- Internal sealing of the letterbox/ night safe
- Removal of all non-original internal furniture.

The signage and other apertures are secured by screws fixings so on small holes will result which will be filled and sealed. Apertures left following removal of the night safe and ATM's will be infilled with masonry to match existing.

4. Impact Assessment

The proposed works will have a neutral to positive impact on the heritage asset. The removal of intrusive modern additions will enhance the legibility and appreciation of the building's original form. Making good works and infills will be carried out using sympathetic materials and craftsmanship, preserving the visual integrity of the façade.

No historic or significant features will be lost or altered. The proposals have been carefully considered to respect the listed status and will not harm the building's character, setting, or significance.

5. Justification

The changes are essential to facilitate a new use for the building, ensuring its continued occupation and preservation. They are minimal, reversible, and sensitive to the building's historic character. The approach aligns with Historic England guidance on the conservation of listed buildings, particularly in maintaining adaptability and avoiding unnecessary harm.

6. Conclusion

The proposals represent a considered and heritage-led approach to altering a historic building. By removing banking fixtures and making high-quality, reversible repairs, the character and significance of the building will be preserved and enhanced.