Design Access Statement



Project: Lloyds Bank Chippenham – External Security Upgrade & New Security Fence /Gate

Address: Lloyds Bank Chippenham, 29 High Street , SN15 3HA

Job number:

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Revision:

1.0 Introduction

1.0 This Design Access Statement has been prepared as part of the Planning Submission (Lloyds Bank Listed Building Planning Application) for the increase of existing entrance gates along the side to disabled access along the side elevation and the installation of a new fence and gate with the bank premises to prevent unauthorised access

1.2 The Heritage Statement is to set out how the agent on behalf of the applicant has taken into account relevant design information, to meet the requirements policies and guidance of article 4c of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

ST9273SW HIGH STREET 930-1/10/52 (North side) 22/06/78 No.29 Lloyds Bank

Grade 2 Listed
Bank. c1870. Limestone ashlar, slate roof with coped gables and moulded ashlar stacks to left of ridge and left gable end. Classical, mainly Palladian-influenced style. Double-depth plan with rear extensions. EXTERIOR: 3 storeys; 6-window range. The right-hand range is stepped slightly back over a flat-arched carriage entrance with C20 iron gates. Dentilled cornice and parapet; C20 2-light casement windows to the 2nd floor; 2 moulded string courses, one at sill level; pedimented horned 6/6-pane sash windows with dentilled cornices to shouldered architraves and sill string course to the 1st floor; wide platband over chamfered rustication to the ground floor; chamfered voussoirs to C20 windows; Tuscan doorcase with flat pilasters and cornice to a C20 door. INTERIOR: not inspected. HISTORY: in 1914 Lloyd's Bank took over the Wilts and Dorset Bank and in 1918 the Capital and Counties Bank consolidated them in this building. (Chamberlain, Joseph A: Chippenham: Chippenham: 1976-: 112; The Buildings of England: Pevsner N & Cherry B: Wiltshire: London: 1967-1975: 172).

2.0 Use

2.0 Currently used as bank premises for Lloyds Bank, situated on a busy High Street with banking use on all three floors. The front entrance from the High Street provides disabled access via through inward opening gates leading through to the rear and forming fire escape from the existing upper floor staircase. The rear forms parking area for the branch with an additional side gate. Access from rear and the front through the gates is required for both staff and customers

3.0 Layout

3.0 The Building gross area is to remain, with the fabric also to remain. The rear perimeter is enclosed with an access from the rear bank car park. The High Street not only provides the main entrance into the building but also provides the side disabled access via main inward double metal gates, but also provides side disabled entrance. The rear access is the parking area for bank staff, that provides direct access from the first floor fire escape. The open area from the car park is vulnerable where trespassers have had access to air conditioning equipment and forming a security issue.

5.0 Description of Works

5.0 Due the ease of access from the rear and the front, increasing security issues are taking place. Trespass is taking place from the front (with access above the front gates) being vulnerable with the rear elevation. Proposal is to increase the height of the High Street double gates and to install an additional gate/fence to prevent access into the ramp side entrance. The new gate not seen by the public will allow staff to enter from the car park but restrict customers and trespassers from entry towards the rear. This will prevent vandalism and provide protection to staff. The new gate with fence will be a wire mesh construction, with posts to allow visible view (with push bar access for fire escape from first floor, and push pad digital key pad from the High Street elevation

6.0 Access

6.0 Relevant access will be unchanged with the rear fire escape, it also now provides protection to the building which prevents lead, air conditioning materials been stolen and damaged. This is now maintaining the Conservation aspect of the building. The new gate height increase will prevent the gate from been unlocked, the new gate preventing access further into the building towards the rear .

7.0 Summary

7.0 Purpose of this Statement is to clarify the proposed works to the rear wall closure. The works will retain, the integrity, design and Listed status of the building for future use.