

Heritage Impact Assessment for
The Installation of Defibrillator and Bleed Kit Cabinets
To Nationwide Building Society, Warminster

Nationwide Building Society are committed to supporting the communities they serve, with branches located at the centre of high streets across the UK. As part of this commitment to community wellbeing, they plan to install external defibrillators and bleed control kits on some Nationwide branches. Each piece of equipment will be housed in its own dedicated, secure external cabinet.

The branch in Warminster, 52 Market Place occupies a Grade II listed late c18 angled terrace. coursed and squared rubble with stucco fronting. 3 storey building with glazed sash windows with segmental heads on moulded architraves across the terraced row. No. 52 features a modernised glazed shop front. The branch is listed along with the rest of the terrace 44 – 54 Market place.

The Warminster branch faces onto multiple other listed buildings on the opposing side of Market Place. The end of the terrace is joined onto Grade II listed The Old Bell Public House by a high segmented coach arch. Market place contributes to Warminsters street layout as a linear market town.

Both cabinets are proposed to be installed on unused wall space on the ground-floor modernised shopfront of the branch, as most of the building's character is carried above ground level, the cabinets will have little impact on the overall character of the building or the streetscape. The cabinets can be removed if they become redundant and the benefits of installing these cabinets are potentially lifesaving so we consider that this outweighs any harm to the appearance of the conservation area.