

Heritage Impact Assessment for
The Installation of a Dual Defibrillator and Bleed Kit Cabinet to
Nationwide Building Society, Devizes

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. In the case of this branch both pieces of equipment are going to be stored in one unit that has separate doors and compartments for each piece.

The Nationwide branch in Devizes can be found at: 3 Maryport St, Devizes SN10 1AH. This site is a grade II listed building. The building has an 18th century front facade possibly with an earlier structure. It is 3 storeys tall with a stucco faced elevation. The upper floors are flanked by Doric pilasters on moulded bases and finished with boxed reeded eaves below a low pitched gable ended slate roof. At 2nd floor level there are two sash windows which had glazing bars added later, they're slightly recessed within thin moulded timber frames. The first floor contains two 19th century small, canted timber bay windows with moulded frames, no glazing bars, and small boxed aprons cutting into the boxed ground floor cornice.

The site is also within the Devizes conservation area. Devizes is a town known for its architecture and historic legacy. The layout of the town still reflects the layout of the Norman castle that once stood there. The town is also home to around 500 listed buildings. This along with the listed status of our site has influenced our proposal and we believe that it is in the position where it will cause the least damage to the character and aesthetics of both the area and the heritage asset.

We propose installing the cabinet on the ground floor shopfront elevation of the branch. This is the location where the cabinet will have the least impact on the surrounding buildings whilst also being publicly accessible and visible. The equipment will be fixed to the building using standard fixing techniques. The cabinet can be removed if it becomes redundant and the benefits of installing this equipment are potentially life saving so we consider that this outweighs any harm to the appearance of the conservation area.

