

HSBC UK BANK PLC

HSBC UK Reading

26 Broad St,
Reading RG1 2BU

Heritage Statement

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Site Address: 26 Broad St, Reading RG1 2BU

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1.1 Introduction:

This document should be read in conjunction with the submitted application form, drawings and associated supporting documents.

Listed Status of Building:

HSBC branch is a Grade 11 listed building. List entry No. 1187616

Heritage Information and Significance of the Area:

Within historic town centre. Town house, later 2 houses with shop. C18, remodeled early C19; No.28 partly rebuilt in 1970s. Render replacing stucco to No.28 (left); incised stucco on rubble to No.26 with moulded architrave; dry slate roof; rear lateral brick stack. Single-depth plan plus deep wing at angles behind No.26. Two storeys; 3-window range. C20 twelve-pane horned sashes to No.28 and mid C19 four-pane hornless sash to No.26. Ground floor has central early C19 doorway with fluted pilasters and moulded architrave and 3-light shop front plus returned light to doorway with glazed door on the right. INTERIOR not inspected.

Listing NGR: SW7867034312

Design/Description of Development:

The proposed work to 3 No. windows on the south and west elevations requires very light works to internally apply 'Contravision' vinyl images to the glazing in the modern shopfront at ground floor level. Other marketing in these windows will be removed.

This has the benefit of improvements to privacy, which is currently a serious issue of concern, and also mitigates a current problem with solar glare on this exposed south west corner. See further details on the privacy issue in Design & Access Statement.

Character:

We do not envisage this proposal to have any major impact on the building. There will be no loss or disturbance of building fabric, setting, or change of relationship between buildings or altering scale.