

HSBC BANK PLC

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Design & Access Statement

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DESIGN

The process

Assessment

Involvement

Evaluation

Design

This branch of HSBC UK is located on the corner of Broad St and Queen Victoria St in Reading. The building is 5 storeys, including the basement.

The proposed works are for a light refurbishment of the branch which includes the installation of accessible height counters in place of the existing counters, and decoration throughout.

Externally the works are limited to the replacement of the ATM signage, in line with HSBC's latest concept. The other signage has recently been replaced.

Use

What buildings and spaces will be used for.

The building is currently used as a retail bank open to the general public and this will not be affected by this application.

Amount

How much will be built on site

There is to be no increase to the existing building.

Layout

How the buildings and public and private spaces will be arranged on the site, and the relationship between them and the buildings and spaces around the site.

The building is located on a corner junction meaning that it has two primary elevations that are visible to the public with the main entrance located on the corner.

The proposed access will be retained.

Scale

How big the buildings and space would be (the height, width and length)

No alterations to the existing scale.

Landscaping

How open spaces will be treated to enhance and protect the character of a place.

No landscaping is proposed.

Appearance

What the building and spaces will look like, for example, building materials and architectural details.

There will be no change to the materials of the building. The new signage will replace the existing signs with new of the same materials.

Access

Inclusive access -How everyone can get to and move through the place on equal terms regardless of age, disability, ethnicity or social grouping.

The branch is currently fully accessible with level thresholds and lifts to upper floors. We aim to improve this further by also including accessible height counters.

This statement is to accompany drawings:

ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 00(-) Location and block plan
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 01(-) Existing basement floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 02(-) Existing ground floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 03(-) Existing first floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 04(-) Existing second floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 05(-) Existing third floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 06(-) Existing elevation 1
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 07(-) Existing elevation 2
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 21(-) Proposed basement floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 22(-) Proposed ground floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 23(-) Proposed first floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 24(-) Proposed second floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 25(-) Proposed third floor
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 26(-) Proposed elevation 1
ReadingBroadSt 16041 PA 27(-) Proposed elevation 2
