

HSBC BANK PLC

**HSBC Branch
26 Broad Street
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RG1 2BU**

Heritage Statement

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Proposal

The proposed scheme is a light refurbishment of the branch of HSBC located on the corner of Broad Street and Queen Victoria Street. The branch includes a basement and three above ground stories. The ground, first and second floor level are used by the bank as retail banking with the third floor being used as offices and staff areas.

The scheme will apply to all areas and mainly consists redecoration, replacement of some graphics and marketing, and replacement floor finishes, therefore having little impact on any historical fabric.

Externally most of the signage was replaced a short time ago and so will not be touched in this scheme however the signage to the ATM's will be replaced in line with HSBC's current concept. We are also proposing to respray the existing shopfront to freshen it up and do some minor external redecoration to areas. The specific work for each area is stated on the proposed drawings.

Below is a brief summary of the works by floor:

Basement

- Decoration to the Male and Female WC's
- Decoration and carpet to one of the stairwells

Ground

- Replacement flooring
- Repaint bulkheads
- Install accessible height counter in place of existung
- Replace some signage and marketing
- Remove some spotlights out of the floor that surround the circular feature in the floor and replace the flooring in this area
- Some security improvements to coordinate with the replacement of the machines

First

- New flooring and decoration
- Repaint plaster boarded ceiling and bulkheads
- New accessible height counters to replace existing counters
- Replacement marketing

Second

- New flooring and decoration
- Repaint plaster boarded ceiling and bulkheads
- Replacement marketing

Third

- New flooring and decoration
- Repaint plaster boarded ceilings and bulkheads

External

- Rendered areas to be repainted in the same colour as existing
- Respray window frames to metal shopfront in the same colour as existing
- Remove existing header graphics applied to windows
- Replace ATM signage

Coordinates

Latitude: 51.4566 / 51°27'23"N
Longitude: -0.9719 / 0°58'18"W
OS Eastings: 471526
OS Northings: 173571
OS Grid: SU715735
Mapcode National: GBR QLF.S8
Mapcode Global: VHDWT.3NJ7

Listing

Entry Name: 1-31, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET (See details for further address information)
Listing Date: 14 December 1978
Last Amended: 1 August 1979
Grade: II
Source: Historic England
Source ID: 1113564
English Heritage Legacy ID: 39134
Location: Reading, RG1
County: Reading
Locality: Abbey
Traditional County: Berkshire
Lieutenancy Area (Ceremonial County): Berkshire
Church of England Parish: Reading St Mary the Virgin Church of England Diocese: Oxford

Listing description

Including Nos 148 and 149 Friar Street and Nos 24 to 28 and 35 to 37 (consec)
Broad Street. A circa 1894 commercial street with returns to Broad and Friar Streets. Probably by Joseph Morris. Dutch gabled free Baroque style. 3 1/2 storeys, yellow brick and terracotta with dividing Ionic pilasters. Dentil cornice. Pilasters to dormers, broken pediments above. An elongated pattern of shallow bays to 1st and 2nd floors 4:2:1:1:1:1:3. Mullion and transom window to bays, sashes with architraves (and pediments on 1st floor) to rest. Modern shopfronts, retaining cornice to fascia and scroll brackets to pilasters, only one shop retains prewar shopfront. Large returns to Broad Street. The return to east (No 28 Broad Street) supported by No 26 (dated 1894, grey brick with red terracotta dressings) and by No 24 (an early C20 Bank with -large shaped pediment doorway on corner to Cross Street; red brick with stone dressings and stone fret patterns to gables).