

**Design and Access and Heritage Statement to support Planning application no PP-14406001
Natwest Remote ATM, Reading Station, Station Approach, Reading, RG1 1LZ**



The removal of 2no ATMs and the installation of 1no ATM centrally in the same location

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Design and Access/Heritage statement has been written in direct proportion to the minor scale of the proposed works. All necessary and relevant information has been included without the inclusion of any unnecessary information that does not have any relevance to proposed replacement works.

2.0 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

This Natwest remote ATM is located in Reading Station which is a Grade II listed building. Historic England's listing is as follows:

STATION HILL 1. 5128 Main building of Reading General Station SU 7173 NE 1/363 SU 7173 12/363 21.1.76. II 2. 1865-67, architect Mr Lane (Chief Engineer of the GWR Co). Enlargement and remodelling of I K Brunel's original station of circa 1840. Italianate details. 2 storey symmetrical main building of buff brick from Coalbrookdale with Bath stone dressings, rusticated quoins. 10 bays wide, slight break to centre 4. Frieze, moulded cornice and blocking course, the projecting centre having console brackets to

the cornice and the blocking course raised as solid pediment. The ground floor of the centre break has guilloche frieze and panelled pilasters with wreath caps flanking the windows and doorways. Cornices on console brackets over 1st floor windows, with triangular and segmental pediments over those in centre break. Canopy across ground floor. Hipped slate roof, chimneys removed. Pleasant central cupola, which has round headed lights and bracket eaves to pyramidal roof with finial. Canopy extends over ground floor extensions on both sides, about 12 bays to left and 7 to right.

Listing NGR: SU7148773820

3.0 DESIGN CONCEPT

The bank is currently undertaking a national programme whereby they are replacing and upgrading their ATMs. Natwest have partnered with NCR to upgrade these units to the latest touch screen-controlled options which the entire industry is gradually moving towards. The existing machines are end-of-life and can no longer be maintained. The new ATMs are being installed with the latest fraud prevention solutions to keep customer transactions more secure than ever before. They are also accessible for people with hearing loss.

4.0 THE WORKS

The works comprise the removal of the two ATM bastion units located inside the station. One new ATM and enclosure is to be installed centrally in their place. All disturbed finishes to be made good to match existing. New ATM housing is to be installed with branded vinyl (see drawing).

5.0 IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL

The proposed replacement ATM is the latest style and design offering more security and convenience for customers. This new ATM occupies a smaller floor space than the existing ATMs and is of a less intrusive appearance.

The proposal is sympathetic to the surrounding station building and adds to the aesthetic environment of the station interior. The station is not subject to any Article 4 direction.

The proposed works would not affect the character of the listed building, and no historic fabric will be affected.

6.0 ACCESS

Access to the station will not be affected by the proposed works nor will they affect the public space.

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