

Design and access statement for the proposed ATM installation E003988@ Suncheck Centre, 17 Woburn Place, London, WC1H 0LU

Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared on behalf of Bankmachine Ltd in support of an application submitted for the installation of an Automated Teller Machine and an illuminated sign. This site is located in St Pancras in the London Borough of Camden within inner London. The borough contains three of central London's northern railway terminals (Euston, St Pancras & Kings Cross) and in 2007 St Pancras became the new terminus of Eurostar. We have consulted Circular 01/2006 in preparing the installation.

Appearance

The site where the ATM is to be located is a multi storey building with a retail premises on the ground floor. It is situated on the corner of Woburn Place and Coram Street. There are residential buildings in the area, but we consider that the installation of an ATM would not be detrimental to them. The window of the store where the ATM is to be installed has no special architectural or historic features. This site is neither a listed building or located within a conservation area.

Scale

N/A

Layout

The installation of the ATM will not alter the basic design of the building, as we propose to install it through an existing glass window. The ATM will go through silicon jointed glazing. This was chosen to best blend in with the existing shop front. We consider that this would not be detrimental to the existing street scene. The benefit of the ATM is that it will add a banking facility to the local community and visitors to the area. The area where the ATM is to be installed is a well lit open area in full view of pedestrians.

Amount

This is not a new structure, but the installation of an ATM in an existing shop.

Landscaping

This is not relevant as the installation does not require it.

Design Principals

The ATM is of standard design as located in many areas throughout the UK and is accepted as a necessary facility. There are a number of mandatory standards which apply, relating to the position of the ATM, it's visibility, ambient lighting, building structure, building security features, ATM anchoring, safe strength.

Access

The access to the local shops will not be affected.

Car parking availability has been considered: There is no parking directly in front of the site but there is a multi storey car park on the opposite side of the road.

There is sufficient pavement area in front of the store for easy access.

Site approval by the Cash In Transit Company will be obtained. They will consider routes to and from the ATM, ensuring there is protection of their staff and of any staff or customers at the site. Paramount in their review will be the welfare of their staff and the persons they come into contact with.

The ATM is set at a height which allows access to wheelchair users, and conforms to the requirements laid down by the Disabled Discrimination Act.