

Design and access statement for the proposed ATM installation E004209@ Smartline, 73 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6SR

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. Kingsway itself is a road that runs from High Holborn to Bush House in the City of Westminster. It is a major road that runs through central London.

It was built as part of a major re development at the turn of the century and is one of the widest streets in the capital. Another part of this was the building of a tram tunnel underneath it. Although trams ceased to run in the middle of the century, it is still used by cars and is known as the Strand underpass.

We have consulted Circular 01/2006 in preparing the installation.

Appearance

The site where the ATM is to be located is a retail store within a ground floor unit of an eight storey building (including basement). It is situated on Kingsway in central London between the junctions with Great Queen Street and Wild Court.

There are a few 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 store is not a listed building but it is located within Kingsway conservation area. This information was obtained from London Borough of Camden Web site.

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 and securing with silicon jointed glazing. This was chosen to best blend in with the 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 in front of the site as there is a bus lane. Also it is located in the centre of London so there is not much parking.

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.