

**Design and access statement for the proposed ATM installation E004304@ Iique 24, 135 Greys Inn Road, London, WC1X 8TZ**

**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 the London Borough of Camden between Bloomsbury and Finsbury. Gray's Inn Road starts in Holborn and ends up at Acton and Cromer Street where it turns into a one way street and carries on to Kings cross station. Its route keeps it to higher ground above the valley of the River Fleet and in earlier times it was the main route between London and Hampstead. It is named after Gray's Inn which is one of the main Inns of Court (these are associations that all English Barristers must belong). We have consulted Circular 01/2006 in preparing the installation.

**Appearance**

The site where the ATM is to be located is a five storey, flat roofed, terrace building with The Blue Lion Ale House to its left side. It has two pane sash windows, four to each upper floor. There is a retail store to the ground floor and other premises to the upper ones. It is situated on Gray's Inn Road close to the cross roads with Guilford Street and Calthorpe 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 store is neither a listed building or located within a conservation area although there is a conservation area that includes 137a Gray's Inn Road.

**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 unused doorway with a laminate panel with security backing. The colour of the laminate panel was chosen to 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 restricted parking outside this store with a single yellow line and as this is located in the centre of London, there is limited 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.