

Design & Access Statement

E017259 – Unwins Wine Merchants, 84 Marchmont Street, London, WC1N 1AG

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared on behalf of Cashzone in support of an application submitted for:

The retention of an Automated Teller Machine and Illuminated top sign

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



Appearance

The site is located on Marchmont Street, through an existing window to the left of the entrance. The window of the store where the ATM has been installed has no special architectural or historic features.

The immediate area is mainly commercial with nearby residential properties however we consider that the installation of this ATM is not detrimental to them. The site is within the Bloomsbury conservation area and I do not believe that it is a Listed Building.

Heritage statement

Our site is located in the Bloomsbury conservation area which is located within central London, its southern boundary around 750 metres north of the River Thames. Bloomsbury is noted for its formally planned arrangement of streets and the contrasting leafy squares. The character of the Conservation Area

derives from the grid of streets enclosed by mainly three and four storey development which has a distinctly urban character of broad streets interspersed by formal squares which provide landscape dominated focal points. A range of building types is evident across the Conservation Area although the Predominant type is the terraced townhouse. These are generally three or four storeys in height although there are a number of examples of more modest two-storey townhouses built for workers. In addition, the townhouses generally have basements and attic storeys. Roofs are commonly defined by parapets, giving strong and consistent roof lines. The most widespread roof forms are butterfly roofs behind parapets or mansards where there is habitable attic space. Shops and public houses are a feature of parts of Bloomsbury, generally forming part of or having been inserted into the earlier terraces, reflecting the growth in commercial activity in the area. Brick is the predominant building material used across the Conservation Area as it was the cheapest locally available material. The predominant architectural styles of the Conservation Area are classically derived, regardless of period or building type. In Marchmont street window surrounds and heads are more elaborate, since they are characterised by a mix of stone and stucco pediments. There is a notable character created by the consistent use of cast iron railings along frontages to separate the pavement from the basement light well. The buildings of the later 20th century have detailing more influenced by the Modern Movement, although some developments have adopted a more imitative, historicist approach.

Use

The purpose of the installation of this Automated Teller Machine is to provide a 24 hour banking facility for the local community and visitors to the area.

Scale

N/A

Layout

The installation of the ATM has not altered the basic design of the building. We have removed an existing glazing panel. In the remaining void we have installed (a new mullion and smaller glazing panel) an external security wall (see NW0207 External security wall construction in attachments) with a laminate finish. The colour of this panel is white, which was chosen to best blend with the existing shop front design.

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.

Designing out Crime

We install and anchor the ATMs in accordance with National Guidelines.

Site approval by the Cash In Transit Company has been obtained. They have considered 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 has been the welfare of their staff and the persons they come into contact with.

The area where the ATM has been installed is a well-lit area in full view of pedestrians aiding natural surveillance.

Access

The access to the site and other properties has not been affected.

In designing this application, we have taken into account the needs of able and disabled users. The ATM is set at a height that makes it accessible for all users and has space to the front for a wheel chair. Key 5 has raised markings for blind persons to identify the centre key.

Car parking availability has been considered: There are parking restrictions in the immediate area.