

RBS BANK PLC

Royal Bank Scotland

**127-128 High Holborn
London
WC1V 6PQ**

Design & Access Statement

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Site Address: RBS Holborn Branch, 127-128 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6PQ

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Statement

- **Proposed Development**

As part of RBS rebranding program two unused counters are to be boarded up on the Banking Hall side using stud partitions.

3no replacement illuminated internal window marketing units are to be installed in existing positions.

- **History, materials, & character of the structure**

The four storey building with attic was originally built in c1904 as a office block. It is constructed using Portland Stone with a granite ground floor façade, and was designed by H Percy Adams and Charles Holden. The building has a Classical manner with rusticated pilasters between the bays and carries a sill string at the third floor level. The entrance has a round arch on the corner of the building with a bracketed stone balcony above. The High Holborn elevation has four bays with a splayed corner and a four bay return to the Southampton Place elevation The building has architrave windows with those on the first floor having broken cornices alternating with Venetian style.

- **Access**

To remain as existing.

- **Community & Safety**

No change.

- **The Environment**

Wherever possible sustainable materials will be used for the refurbishment.

- **Impact on the structures heritage and the surrounding conservation area**

The works to be carried out will have no impact on the structures heritage as they affect only the modern counters. The window marketing units will only have minor to no impact on the surrounding conservation area within which illuminated external signage is present on other buildings.

Further more permission has been granted for Illuminated and Non-Illuminated external and internal signage see applications – 2016/0505/A & 2016/0503/L

This statement is to accompany drawings and documents:

15243 PA 00(-) Site and block plan
15243 PA 01(-) Existing ground floor plan
15243 PA 21(-) Proposed Ground Floor Plan
15243 RBS Heritage Statement