

Design and Access Statement for proposed alterations to the listed building at Halifax, Unit 52, The Brunswick Centre, (Bloomsbury), London WC1N 1AE, to remove external signage and the external ATM.

This branch of the Halifax is to close. As a result the signage and external ATM are to be removed. The extent of the proposed alterations are very limited and therefore the extent of this Design and Access Statement is similarly limited.

Use

The property is currently a bank. The future use is not known. Any change will be subject to a separate planning application.

Amount

The proposals do not affect the amount of building structure.

Layout

The layout of the building is unaffected.

Scale

The scale of the building is unaffected.

Appearance

The external ATM will be removed and the pane of glass through which it is installed will be replaced to match. Similarly, a post box will be removed and the pane of glass through which it is installed will again be replaced to match. The fascia sign fixed to the internal bulkhead will be removed, along with an external projecting sign. The removal of the ATM, post box and signage are not considered to be detrimental to the appearance of the listed building.

Access

Access to the building and the surrounding amenities are unaffected.

Social Content

The bank is to close. Since the bank is to close there is no purpose in having signage to attract customers to the property, it would be misleading. Similarly, when the branch closes the ATM will not be operable and will be removed.