

Design and Access Statement for proposed alterations to the listed building at Lloyds Bank, Victoria House, Southampton Row London WC1B 5HR, to remove external signage and external ATMs.

This branch of Lloyds Bank is to close. As a result, the signage and external ATMs 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

A 'Lloyds Bank' individual letters fascia sign, a projecting sign and bracket and a branch address plaque are to be removed from the Southampton Row elevation and two 'Lloyds Bank' fascia signs and a projecting sign and bracket are to be removed from the Vernon Place elevation, and the walls made good. Two external ATMs and tablet signs over are to be removed from the Vernon Place elevation. It is proposed that the entire ATMs surround shopfront, below fascia sign level, will be removed, and will be replaced by a new section of shopfront, with windows, divisions, cill and below-cill walling all to match the original window to the right-hand side, when viewing from outside. This will return the appearance of the listed building to as it was before the ATMs were installed.

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. As the branch is to close the ATMs will be removed. Similarly, when the branch closes the ATMs will not be operable and they will therefore be removed.