

**Design and Access Statement** 

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## **Introduction**

This statement has been prepared to support a Listed Building application to upgrade the Banks Broadband to a Fibre high speed line. This will significantly improve the Banks operation and to allow future technologies to be utilised.

# 1. Proposal Amount:

The building has been a NatWest Bank for a number of years, serving the local community during this time. This building is in a prominent central location alongside other businesses and financial institutions within an established town centre community.

The intention externally is to:

• The intention is to run a Fibre Broadband line into the Building through a small penetration into the External Wall (Single drill hole). The location has been carefully selected to avoid any damage to ornate features.

The intention internally is to:

• The Broadband line will run through the building to small ceiling mounted WiFi boxes as shown within the accompanying documents. The position of these boxes has been carefully selected to avoid effecting the ornate features of the Bank. There is also a requirement to drill a new hole from one room to another to pass the cables through internally.

#### 2. Layout:

**Access:** Access to the property will remain unaffected by the proposals and will therefore, continue as previously. There is no impact on the means of travel.

**Character:** The proposals are intended to respect and preserve the layout of the property and conserve the overall appearance of the building.

# 3. Scale:

There is no change to the environmental design to affect natural surveillance for community safety.

#### 4. Landscaping

The proposals do not entail any new external works, either as soft or hard landscaping.

#### 5. Appearance

The intention is to run a Fibre Broadband line into the Building through a small penetration into the External Wall (Single drill hole). The location has been carefully selected to avoid any damage to ornate features. There will be no visual impact on close neighbours to the property or general public at large.

Character: The proposals are intended to respect and preserve the character of the property as it exists at present.

## Impact and Evaluation

The impact of the proposed works would not affect the commercial or social environment, as there is no drastic change to the existing conditions. The proposals are intended to respect and preserve the existing status quo for all occupants whilst allowing the proposed bank an amenable environment in which to carry out its business.

There is therefore, no adverse effect to the natural, built or historic environment