

# **Nationwide Building Society**

**49 Heath Street  
Hampstead  
London  
NW3 6UF**

## **Design & Access Statement To accompany Listed Building Application**

**Ref: 17045 NW Hampstead PA D&A**

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**Site Address** 49 Heath Street, Hampstead, London, NW3 6UF

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**Summary of Proposals**

The existing Nationwide branch in Hampstead has previously gone through a refurbishment, both internally and externally, which included new external advertisements and decorations, opening up the existing banking hall and redecorating (of which consent was granted for) and the installation of some new M&E services. During these works the existing mechanical plant which was situated within the courtyard at the rear of the property, had been removed and replaced with new similar equipment before Listed Building & Full Planning Consent had been granted.

Because these units were a new installation, they were subject to comply with Camden Council's Criteria with regard to permitted noises levels. Even though these units were operationally quieter than what was existing, their noise levels were non-compliant against the new criteria outlined by the Council and an Acoustic Enclosures are now required to give the necessary sound attenuation.

Various mechanical plant configurations and enclosure designs have been shared with the Local Authority, to find a solution which was acceptable to themselves and the residents who overlook the courtyard.

The current proposal entails the removal of 5 air conditioning condensers, and the steel supporting platform upon which they are currently situated and their replacement with 1 single unit and 1 of the smaller original units relocated. The new unit and the single relocated unit will then be sited along the back wall of the courtyard, within individual acoustic enclosures providing the necessary sound attenuation required. All new and existing pipework will be rerouted to suit the new locations and be neatly dressed and contained. The existing surface to the courtyard will be cleaned and any damaged areas made good.

**Access**

The proposals will not affect access.

**Appearance**

The appearance will be altered where the existing condensers are removed and replaced with fewer units placed within acoustic enclosures. These can be powder coated to suit the Council's/Resident's preference. We would suggest that a very light grey colour would be appropriate.

**Environmental sustainability**

The proposals will not have negative or positive impact on the environment from what is existing although they will be much quieter while they are in operation due to being housed in acoustic enclosures.

**Layout**

The units will be relocated to sit along the back wall from their existing location. This will create more usable space on the courtyard tiled surface.

**Scale**

The proposals reduce the number of units currently within the courtyard.

**Use**

The building's use will not be affected. It will continue as a high street Building Society with public access during opening hours.