

HSBC Barnsley Design and Access Statement

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Site Address

5 Market Hill
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
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Introduction

The branch occupies the basement, ground, first and second floors of a three storey building of no particular architectural style or merit. The building is not listed, but sits within a conservation area.

The current proposals are being undertaken to enforce HSBC's new 'Retail' image across its branch network. A key element of the work is to improve security for staff and customers - Currently, the main entrance opens onto a 24 hour lobby, with self-service machines. Due to local security concerns we are looking to remove the 24 hour lobby facility from the branch.

This program of works is part of a national refurbishment scheme and a separate North West security review. To ensure that the bank's operations are not disrupted, we are looking to carry out all the works in one programme.

With the proposed removal of the lobby, HSBC propose to provide a 24 hour service through the introduction of an externally accessible ATM and a Business Paying-in Machine (BPIM).

The work associated with the refurbishment (see below) is to be undertaken with due consideration to the nature of the building.

- Replacement, relocation and installation of marketing to the façade.
- New finishes throughout the public areas of the bank including all floor and walls.
- Installation of new self service equipment.

Appearance

The building is situated on Market Hill, separated from the main road by a pavement and a strip of car-parking. Large, full height windows, incorporating the main entrance, line the ground and first floor, with the main HSBC fascia sign positioned above them. The main entrance provides level access to the ground floor of the building and is sited on the right side of the elevation to the street.



Access

The main entrance provides a level threshold and a power assisted door for access to all public facilities, except for 4 interview rooms at the upper ground floor level. There are additional interview rooms which have level access.

Proposals

Key elements of the work are as follows –

- The internal 24 hour lobby, and swipe card entry system, is to be removed.
- An external ATM and an external BPIM are to be installed, through existing glazed window apertures. These will not be DDA accessible, due to the changes in external ground level across the elevation.
- Existing external stonework to the ground floor is to be cleaned as necessary and window frames re-painted.
- Existing external signage is to be cleaned and re-bulbed as necessary.
- External marketing and door signage is to be updated to current specifications.

Landscaping

There is no landscaping proposed in this application.

Scale

As the proposed works are of a refurbishment nature they have no impact on the building's design and location in the area with regard to its scale.

Environmental Sustainability

As the proposed works are non structural they have no impact on the building's design and location within the area with regard to its environmental credentials.

However, the scope of works takes into account a number of sustainability issues; the following have been taken into consideration:

- Where possible, all existing materials will be reused within the building works.
- Existing furniture will be re-conditioned and used where appropriate. Items requiring replacement such as chairs will be recycled by the appropriate methods in accordance with the bank's policies.
- A waste management scheme will be in place, in accordance with current regulations and the bank's own requirements.
- Where possible, all works will be undertaken in accordance with current building practices with regard to environmental sustainability.

Overall, we feel the proposed changes to this branch improve security to both staff and customers, enhance the bank's appearance to the street and positively impact on the area through cleaning and maintenance.

The proposed changes are in accordance with the local development framework policies BE9, BE10 & BE11.

