DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT
for
PROPOSED EXTERNAL ATM PROVISION TO POST OFFICE
for
POST OFFICE LTD revision 'A'

Executive Summary

This Planning Application is for the installation of a window/wall mounted external ATM (cash point) in the existing wall of a Post Office retail unit. The building is not listed, & it is not known to be in a conservation area. The purpose of providing the ATM is to enhance the services already provided to the local community by the Post Office.

This document has been written in cognisance of Paragraphs 62 & 77 of Circular 0106 DCLG Guidance on Changes to the Development Control System and follows Local Government Templates.

1.0 - Type of Application

The Planning Application which this document is to accompany is a Full Planning Application.

2.0 - Location of Proposed Development

The development which is this statement & accompanying application refers to is at the following address:

Worsbrough Bridge Post Office, 62-64 Park Road, Worsbrough, Barnsley, S70 5AB

3.0 - Description of Proposed Development

The proposed development comprises the introduction of an external ATM (cash machine) into a infilled doorway opening of the existing Post Office. The ATM is a 'standard unit' (provided by the Bank of Ireland and used in a wide number of locations across the UK) which will be built into the main frontage elevation of the two storey structure adjacent the existing ATM with new level landing arrangement formed, complete with matching boundary wall & railing arrangement locally, leaving adjacent structures/ finishes untouched. In addition to the infilling of applicable door opening & formation of level access (with walls & railings stated) this will be the only visible change to the external appearance of the building.

4.0 - Date of Preparation

This Design & Access Statement is dated 2nd September 2008 – revision A. Any further revision to this document will be recorded & scheduled at the end of this documentif it is reissued.

5.0 - Date of Amendments

Any revisions to this documents are to be recorded at the end of this document and are to include the following:
Amendment letter.
Date of amendment.
Detailed description of the amendment.

6.0 - Applicant

This statement refers to details submitted on behalf ofhe applicant– The Post Office. Notice no1 has been sent to the building owner.

7.0 - Agent

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8.0 - Assessing the Context of the Site

Assessment - the site is an end terrace Post Office, of 2 storey units (ground floor retail use), but surrounded by a mainly residential uses, and the proposed ATM will add to the facilities already available to the local and broader community enhancing the quality of services on offer. The ATM is to be located in an infilled doorway, adjacent to but separate from the main public entrance and is considered wholly to be in context with its surroundings with the precedent of similar installations all around the local area and further afield.

Experience of previous similar proposed ATM applications (in other areas) has been applied to the proposals shown.

9.0 - Design Principles & Concepts applied to the Proposals

The building is of little architectural significance, it is not listed and the site is not known to be in a conservation area. The standard ATM unit to be used here is an acceptable modern design suitable for its purpose specifically intended to be built into walls or windows such as the one on this site and has proved to be acceptable to Planning Departments across the United Kingdom

Evaluation – the applicant has undertaken their own research to establish the local need for the proposed ATM and found that such a need exists.

Design – due to the limited nature of the proposed works it is felt that the proposed introduction of an ATM into the existing retail elevation will not be detrimental in any way to the existing arrangement The great majority of the elevation will remain undisturbed as at present or will match existing The design of the ATM frontage is a 'standard' unit, which incorporates durable materials/finishes and integral light unit.

Siting - the location shown for the ATM is the optimum determined for the site, taking into account the internal arrangements within the building.

Landscaping – not relevant to this Application, the area immediately adjacent to the site of the ATM is a level surfaced footpath for ease of use and access and will remain so.

Access - to the proposed ATM will be directly off the existing ramp arrangement via an extended landing, which will incorporate matching wall & handrails etc. There is a ramped entrance into the Post Office, which is to remain

10.0 - Philosophy & Approach to creating an Accessible Development

The intention is that the proposed ATM will be located in a position that is accessible to all potential customers, without any know restrictions.

11.0 - Key access issues of the design including the nature & impact of any constraints

These are that the proposed ATM is to be sited both in an accessible position and at an accessible height both of which have been considered.