

Heritage Impact Assessment for
The Installation of Defibrillator and Bleed Kit Cabinets
To Nationwide Building Society, Horsham

Nationwide Building Society are committed to supporting the communities they serve, with branches located at the centre of high streets across the UK. As part of this commitment to community wellbeing, they aim to ensure people have rapid, 24/7 access to vital emergency equipment whenever it is needed.

As such, they plan to install external defibrillators and bleed control kits across all Nationwide branches. Each piece of equipment will be housed in its own dedicated, secure external cabinet.

The aim is to deliver a clear, simple, and potentially lifesaving message:

Where there is a Nationwide branch, there is always access to a defibrillator and bleed kit in an emergency.

The branch at Horsham is Located as part of a block involving numerous buildings with historical importance, most buildings dated from C18 and C19. The south-west elevation faces onto 4, Carfax a building dated to the mid to late 19th century. The other elevation is facing 33, 34, 34A AND 34C, Carfax a listed group of timber framed buildings with 1st floor overhangs on curved brackets.

Architecturally, the building's first floor exterior uses a lot of the typical language of the late 18th or early 19th century era, with painted brick walls and wooden window frames. The ground floor of the building features a modern shop front. The exterior of the building is a similar era to the surrounding buildings, this makes it a good example of local architecture.

Due to the main features of the listed building being most evident on storeys above the ground level, the proposed location of the cabinets on the modern shopfront ground storey will have little negative impact on the building. The cabinets can be removed if they become redundant and the benefits of installing these cabinets are potentially life-saving so we consider that this outweighs any harm to the appearance of the listed building.