

Comment response Letter

Reference : DC/26/1226

Description : Removal of existing ATM and reinstatement of 1 no. internally illuminated ATM collar

For the attention of Nicola Mason,

Thank you for your comments.

In response, we would like to clarify that the application seeks planning permission for the relocation of the existing ATM from the left-hand side of the entrance to the right-hand side, together with the associated ATM surround and signage. The proposed ATM relocation therefore forms an integral part of the submitted scheme.

The relocation has been driven by accessibility requirements. The existing ATM location does not provide suitable access for all users and cannot be made accessible through alterations to the existing opening. Due to the constraints associated with the historic fabric of the building, it is not possible to lower the existing cill without resulting in a greater degree of intervention and potential harm to the heritage asset.

The proposed relocation to the right-hand side of the entrance provides the most appropriate and least invasive solution, enabling the ATM to be accessible to all users whilst minimising any impact on the significance of the listed building. This approach ensures that accessibility improvements can be delivered without the need for substantial alterations to the historic fabric.

The proposed ATM and associated surround are like for like in terms of their appearance, scale and branding. As such, there will be no material change to the character or appearance of the existing shopfront. The works have been carefully designed to minimise intervention and preserve the building's historic significance whilst maintaining the provision of an essential banking facility within the town centre.

We therefore respectfully submit that the relocation of the ATM is fully justified on both accessibility and heritage grounds. The proposal represents a balanced solution that improves inclusive access while preserving the character and significance of the heritage asset.

We trust that this clarification addresses the concerns raised by the Conservation Officer and respectfully request that the application be assessed and determined accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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