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Introduction

This statement has been prepared in order to support an application for the decommission Barclays Bank, 47 High Street, Merthyr Tydfil. The building is Grade II Listed and is situated within a Conservation Area. The proposed work in this two storey property is for removal of existing external signage; removal of external ATM and infill existing cut out hole by granite to match existing; removal of night safe and infill existing cut out hole by granite to match existing; removal of some partition and glazing partition in ground floor; removal of internal counters and all furniture.

Appraisal:

Reference Number: 11437

Grade: II

Status: Designated

Date of Designation: 13/01/1988

Date of Amendment: 13/01/1988

Unitary Authority: Merthyr Tydfil

Community: Town

Details

History: Monumental classical early C20 frontage of 2 storeys and 5 bays.

Exterior: Portland stone upper storey, dark polished granite to ground floor with end porches. Modillion eaves cornice with blocking course, richly swagged frieze. Recessed tripartite centre with detached Corinthian columns, solid outer bays with clasping Corinthian pilasters. Tall architrave surrounds with pulvinated friezes and alternating pediments, plain sash windows. Freestone cornice over granite ground floor with arched openings and twin, blocked Doric columns to outer bays. Arched fanlights over fluted lintels, double doors right (blocked to left).

Reason for designation: Modernised banking hall.

Resource from - <https://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/listedbuilding/FullReport?lang=&id=11437>

1.Proposal Amount:

The building has been a Barclays Bank for a number of years, serving the local community during this time. This building is in a prominent central location alongside other businesses and financial institutions within an established town centre community.

The intention externally is to:

- Removal of existing external signage in front and rear elevations
- Removal of existing night safe face plate in front elevation and existing aperture to be infilled with granite to match existing
- Removal of existing ATM in front elevation and existing aperture to be infilled with granite to match existing
- Removal of 1no window glazing with Barclays signage in front elevation and replace with new

The intention internally is to:

- Removal of internal counters
- Removal of internal partition in self service machines areas
- Removal of internal glazing partition and glazing door in the meeting rooms
- Removal of all internal furniture.

2. How the proposed works relate to the existing building

Works to the banking hall are restricted to the public space immediately within the branch. The existing partition and fixtures, counters, which are to be removed are themselves modern. The original building fabric will not be altered, removed or concealed. All existing original features will not be affected by the proposed works.

The proposed works are intended to return the building to pre-Barclays occupation as much as it is possible preserving the listed building status.

3. Discussions with neighbours and measures considering shadowing/ lighting/ visibility/ proximity/ overbearing/ noise issues

No discussions have been made with neighbours in relation to the proposals. The works are not considered to have any adverse impact on neighbours.

4. Explanation of the scale, height, width and length of the proposal and its relationship to the existing building

The strip out works will be accommodated within the footprint of the bank.

The works are not considered to have any adverse impact to the existing appearance and amenity of the application site and that of its neighbours.

5. Consideration given to accessibility to and between parts of the proposed works including disabled access

No change is proposed that will affect the existing access.

6. Relationship between the proposed works and public routes and impact if any

No change is proposed that affects public routes.

7. Landscaping treatment or other treatment to enhance and protect existing amenities

Landscaping or other treatment is not considered appropriate in order to preserve the existing situation.

8. Materials proposed, their use, and maintenance where applicable

The existing counters and adjacent stud partitions will be removed. The existing wall cut out hole where the ATM sits will infill with granite to match existing. The existing wall cut out hole where the night safe face plate sits will infill with granite to match existing.

All works are intended to involve the minimum intervention and to be reversible in the future, allowing the building to evolve and maintain the possibility of new uses or layouts within the context of its listed status.

9. Street impact

No change is proposed that affects the street scene.

10. Sustainability of the proposal and energy efficiency

No changes are proposed for the existing ventilation system.

11. What provision has been made for the storage of waste and recyclable material?

No change is proposed that affects the existing storage of waste.