

No Bull Architecture

13 Market Jew Street, Penzance TR18 2HN

Design, Access & Heritage Statement for listed building consent.



Project Overview:

This project concerns the restoration of a listed building, formerly a Halifax bank, with a focus on removing external additions that are no longer required. The proposal involves the removal of the ATM and associated external signage.

Objective and Rationale:

Our primary aim is to restore the building to its original aesthetic, consistent with its listed status. The removal of the ATM and signage is crucial to reinstating the building's historical integrity and appearance.

Site Description:

The building in question is a historically significant structure, formerly serving as a Halifax bank. Its listed status underscores its architectural and historical value within the urban landscape.

Access and Methodology:

The work will be conducted with minimal disruption to the surrounding area. Access for the removal and restoration will be managed to ensure safety and efficiency, with a keen focus on preserving the building's structural and aesthetic integrity.

Proposed Changes:

ATM Removal: The external ATM will be carefully dismantled to avoid damage to the underlying structure. The aim is to ensure that the removal process respects the building's fabric and historical significance.

Signage Removal: All signage will be removed. This step is critical in reverting the building to a more authentic and period-appropriate appearance.

Facade Restoration: Following the removal of the ATM, the affected area will be restored. A glass panel matching the building's original style and materials will replace the space formerly occupied by the ATM, ensuring seamless integration with the existing facade.

Historical Context:

"The building, formerly a Halifax bank, stands as a testament to the architectural and financial history of the area. It epitomizes the style and design prevalent in the area. Over the years, it has not only served the banking needs of the community but also emerged as a landmark, symbolizing the economic growth and urban development of the region. This building's transition from a bustling financial institution to a preserved historical site echoes the changing dynamics of the local landscape, making its conservation crucial for maintaining a tangible connection to the area's rich heritage and history. The works will simply restore the building to its former glory without the signage of the bank.

Heritage Impact Assessment:

This section assesses the implications of the proposed restoration works on the building's heritage value. The removal of the external ATM and signage, non-original features has been carefully considered in the context of heritage preservation. These modern additions, while functional in their time, detract from the building's historical authenticity and architectural integrity. Their removal will not only reinstate the building's original façade but also enhance its historical narrative. This restoration work is critical in maintaining the building's listed status, ensuring that its historical character and significance are not only preserved but also highlighted. The assessment concludes that the proposed changes will have a positive impact on the building's heritage value, contributing to the conservation of our architectural history for future generations.

Conclusion:

The proposed restoration works are designed to enhance the historical character of the listed building, ensuring its preservation for future generations while respecting its past. The removal of non-original elements like the ATM and modern signage is a crucial step in this conservation effort.