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Heritage Statement
Barclays - Abergavenny
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Design and Access Statement

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Introduction

This statement has been prepared in order to support an application for the decommission Barclays Bank, 57 Frogmore St, Abergavenny. The building is Grade II Listed and is situated within a Conservation Area. The proposed work in this three- storey property is for removal of existing external signage and branding; removal of existing branch nameplate; removal of existing external ATM and section of the aperture infilled with stonework to match existing and existing window to be re-instated to match existing; Existing night safe face plate retained and “Barclays Bank” texts covered with new metal strips, bonded to faceplate, and finished to match existing metal work; Removal of existing CCTV camera with dome; existing letter box to be sealed internally; removal of existing ADT alarm box.

Appraisal:

Reference Number: 86833

Building Number: 57

Grade: II

Status: Designated

Date of Designation: 10/11/2005

Date of Amendment: 10/11/2005

Name of Property: Barclays

Address: 57 Frogmore Street

Unitary Authority: Monmouthshire

Community: Abergavenny

Town: Abergavenny

Locality: Abergavenny

Easting: 329800

Northings: 214377

Street Side: SW

Location: Situated on the main commercial street which runs from south-east to north-west across Abergavenny.

Broad Class: Commercial

History

Purpose built in 1892 (dated) as a bank and apparently externally little altered apart from the window details. It was designed by local architect E A Johnson and was opened as Birmingham, District and Counties Bank.

Exterior

Built of grey coursed squared rock-faced rubble Forest of Dean sandstone with Bath limestone ashlar dressings and ground floor and red Staffordshire sandstone plinth, Welsh slate roofs. Tall rectangular block in an Italianate/classical manner. Three storeys, five windows, 1 + 3 + 1 with the outer bays set forward. The ground floor has a round arched arcade with panelled double doors in either end bay. These have fanlights as do the windows between. The plinth is panelled, there are pilasters between the windows and subsidiary ones supporting the window arches which are keyed, sunk spandrels to the arches. The pilasters flanking the doors rise to support a heavy cornice and then through the upper floors with horizontal banding to support the eaves cornice. On the first floor the outer bay windows have pedimented heads on brackets and the inner ones have bracketted flat heads with finials. These are 2 and 3 pane upper sashes above single pane ones. The second floor has arched windows with rusticated architraves and 1 over 1 pane sashes. Heavy eaves cornice supported on paired brackets on each pilaster, ashlar apron below, sunk spandrels to the outer windows. The outer bays are crowned by pedimented features with scrolled brackets and a carved panel in the centre. Three bay balustraded parapet between with turned balusters and vases on the parapet. Steeply pitched roof with large ashlar stack on either gable.

Interior

The interior of the ground floor has been entirely remodelled in the late C20.

Reason for designation

Included for its special interest as a well preserved late C19 purpose built bank building of definite character that has strong group value with other historic buildings in the centre of Abergavenny.

Resource from <https://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/listedbuilding/FullReport?lang=&id=86833>

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 and branding
- Removal of existing branch nameplate
- Removal of existing heritage projecting sign
- Removal of external ATM and section of the aperture infilled with stonework to match existing. Existing window to be re-instated to match existing.
- Existing night safe face plate retained and “Barclays Bank” texts covered with new metal strips, bonded to faceplate, and finished to match existing metal work.
- Removal of existing CCTV camera with dome
- Existing letter box to be sealed internally
- Removal of existing ADT alarm box

The intention internally is to:

- Removal of internal counters.
- Removal of all internal furniture.
- Removal of some modern glazing walls and glazing doors in ground floor

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 fixtures and 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 external ATM in front elevation will be removed, and section of the aperture infilled with stonework to match existing. Existing window to be re-instated to match existing. The existing night safe face plate retained, and “Barclays Bank” texts covered with new metal strips, bonded to faceplate, and finished to match existing metal work.

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.