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## **Design & Access Statement**

### **BT Telephone Exchange, Station Road, Settle, North Yorks, BD24 9AA**

BT plan to install the 'fibre' broadband rollout network programme, as part of the Governments initiative for high-speed broadband, to every home by 2025. Therefore, BT needs to upgrade the broadband and landline technology for the local area that this telephone exchange serves. As part of this upgrade, extra ventilation is required in the room at the above premises. It is proposed to remove glass panes from four windows on the ground floor west elevation. Four new aluminium ventilation louvres will be fixed to the window frames. These will match existing louvres installed in windows on the same elevation.

On the east elevation, a new opening will be created in the wall of the exchange. This will be lined with a hardwood frame and an aluminium ventilation louvre will be installed. This will be a copy of the existing adjacent installation. The louvres will be a mill finish to match existing louvres installed on the same elevations of the building.

The site will not be developed or enlarged in any way. The use of the floor space will not change, it will continue to house telecommunications equipment.

The appearance of the building will not materially change, the extent of the alterations are illustrated on the drawing & photos that accompany this statement.

There will be no changes to any landscaping. There are no trees on the site affected by this installation.

There is no foul sewage or impact on utilities during or after this installation

There will be no changes to the existing access arrangements of this building either during the works or following completion of the work.