

HSBC UK BANK PLC

HSBC UK Watford

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Design & Access Statement

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1.1 Introduction:

This document should be read in conjunction with the submitted application form, drawings and associated supporting documents.

1.2 Design/Description of Development:

HSBC UK is currently rolling out a programme to review and replace its existing internal and external ATM devices for new more advanced machines.

This application is to replace the two existing external ATMs for a single new machine together with internal alterations to the branch to accommodate other new multi-functional devices. The body of the existing external devices are within the branch and pass through the shopfront glazing. The single new device will replace one of the existing machine locations and will pass through the shopfront in a similar way. The glazing around the ATM is to be replaced with new glass to accommodate the single machine and will be provided with a black finish.

The new device is to be installed at a suitable height for wheelchair users and already has level access to the machine unassisted from the street. New ATM signage will be installed to the window glazing surrounding the replaced external devices.

1.3 Key issues of the design:

- a. Approach:** The approach to the building will remain unchanged.
- b. Access:** The main entrance to the bank will remain unchanged.
- c. External Appearance:** The proposal seeks to replace two existing ATMs and associated signage for one new device in the same location. The replaced glass will be finished black instead of the existing white. The appearance of the proposals will be in keeping with the existing shopfront.
- d. Signage:** External HSBC signage will be replaced with new simplified versions resulting in a decluttered appearance and maintained in a condition in accordance to the standard conditions set out in the control of advertisement regulations 2007.
- e. Environmental Sustainability:** Where possible sustainable methods will be used during the works including the recycling of removed material / furniture from site.