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Introduction

This statement has been prepared to support an application for the decommission Barclays Bank, 225/227 High Street, Ayr. The building is Category C Listed and is situated within Ayr Central Conservation Area.

No.225-227 is a three-storey property and listed as part of a group. The stone façade has a shopfront at ground floor and two windows forming a bay of the listed property at the first and second storeys. For a description of the property see below. The proposed works to the exterior are related to removal of signage and branded elements. This includes; all existing external signage and branding to be removed and made good; the existing letter box to be sealed internally; removal of existing ATM and the replacement of the glazed panel; removal of existing CCTV camera: removal of existing Barclays name and make good; removal of existing ADT alarm box ; removal of existing Barclays nameplate.

Internally the proposed work is as follows; existing Barclays fittings to be removed; existing cashiers counters to be removed from the ground floor; existing loose furniture removed from all floors.

The following statement explains the design principles and concepts along within the required aspects of Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.

Appraisal:

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Category: C

List Entry Number: LB21616

Date first listed: 10-Jan-1990

List Entry Name: 225-231 (Odd No.s) High Street

Statutory Address: Barclays Bank, 225/ 227 High Street, Ayr, KA7 1RB

Unitary Authority: South Ayrshire

Description

John Murdoch, 1884. 3-storey, 6-bay (grouped 2-2-2) classical style, symmetrical tenement with modern shopfronts at ground. Polished red ashlar. Modillion shopfront cornice; 2nd floor cill course; eaves course; modillion cornice; blocking course. Rusticated pilasters divide 2-bay grouping. Consoled pediments to 1st floor windows (segmental to central 2 bays); mini-pilasters to 2nd floor windows.

E (ENTRANCE) ELEVATION: keystone to central elliptical-arched close; entrance to left to 3 shops at ground; 2-leaf glazed timber door to shop to right, shop windows to right; 2-leaf timber door to shop to left, shop window to right; shop windows to shop to outer left (entrance forms part of Nos 233 and 235). Regular fenestration at 1st and 2nd floors.

4-pane timber sash and case windows. Grey slate roof; stone skewes; apex stacks; circular cans.

INTERIORS: not seen 1998.

Statement of Special Interest

B Group with Nos 219-223 (Odd Nos), 233 and 235, and 237-241 (Odd Nos) High Street (see separate list descriptions). Shop to left at ground also forms part of Nos 233 and 235.

Resource from –

225-231 (ODD NOS) HIGH STREET (LB21616) (historicenvironment.scot)

1.Proposal Amount:

The building has been a Barclays Bank for several 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:

Front elevation:

- Existing branch nameplate to be removed and made good.
- Existing projecting sign to be removed and made good.
- Existing fascia signage to be removed and made good.
- Existing ATM to be removed and existing glazed panel to be re-glazed.
- Existing ADT alarm box to be removed and made good.
- Existing redundant letter box to be sealed internally.
- Existing CCTV camera to be removed and made good.
- All posters and vinyl's to be removed.

The intention internally is to:

- Existing Barclays fittings to be removed from all floors.
- Existing cashier's counters to be removed from the ground floor.
- Existing loose furniture removed from all floors.

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, 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 to preserve the existing situation.

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

The existing ATM will be removed and the existing glazed panel will be fully re-glazed.

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.