

DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT



Project: NatWest Havant – Closure

Address: Havant, 23 West St, Havant, PO9 1EU

Date: 04/04/24

Applicant:

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Description of Works:

Closure of retail bank.

External:

Removal of existing signage, external ATM & Nightsafe Bezel and making good where removals affect the building.

Internal:

Removal of non-original internal signage, fixtures, fittings, furniture, and equipment relating to the operation of this retail bank.

Use:

Existing: Retail Bank

Proposed: Retail Bank

Tenure:

Mixed

Listed:

Not Listed

Amount:

The scope of removal work to the building will be minimal and will not affect the condition of the building. Removals will cause no harm or loss to the original building. Apertures in external wall from where 1x ATM and 1x Nightsafe Bezel are removed will be the materials stated on the relevant documents, with the appearance of the façade reinstated to the original form. Material used for the infills will match the original detail.

Scale:

Works to Ground Floor and external elevations. Works affecting the fabric of the building are restricted to removal of external ATM's & Nightsafe Bezel solely. Wall will be reinstated to match original condition.

Landscaping / Philosophy:

Not applicable.

Appearance:

No original items will be affected. Reinstatement only.

Access:

Vehicular and Transport Links: No works proposed.

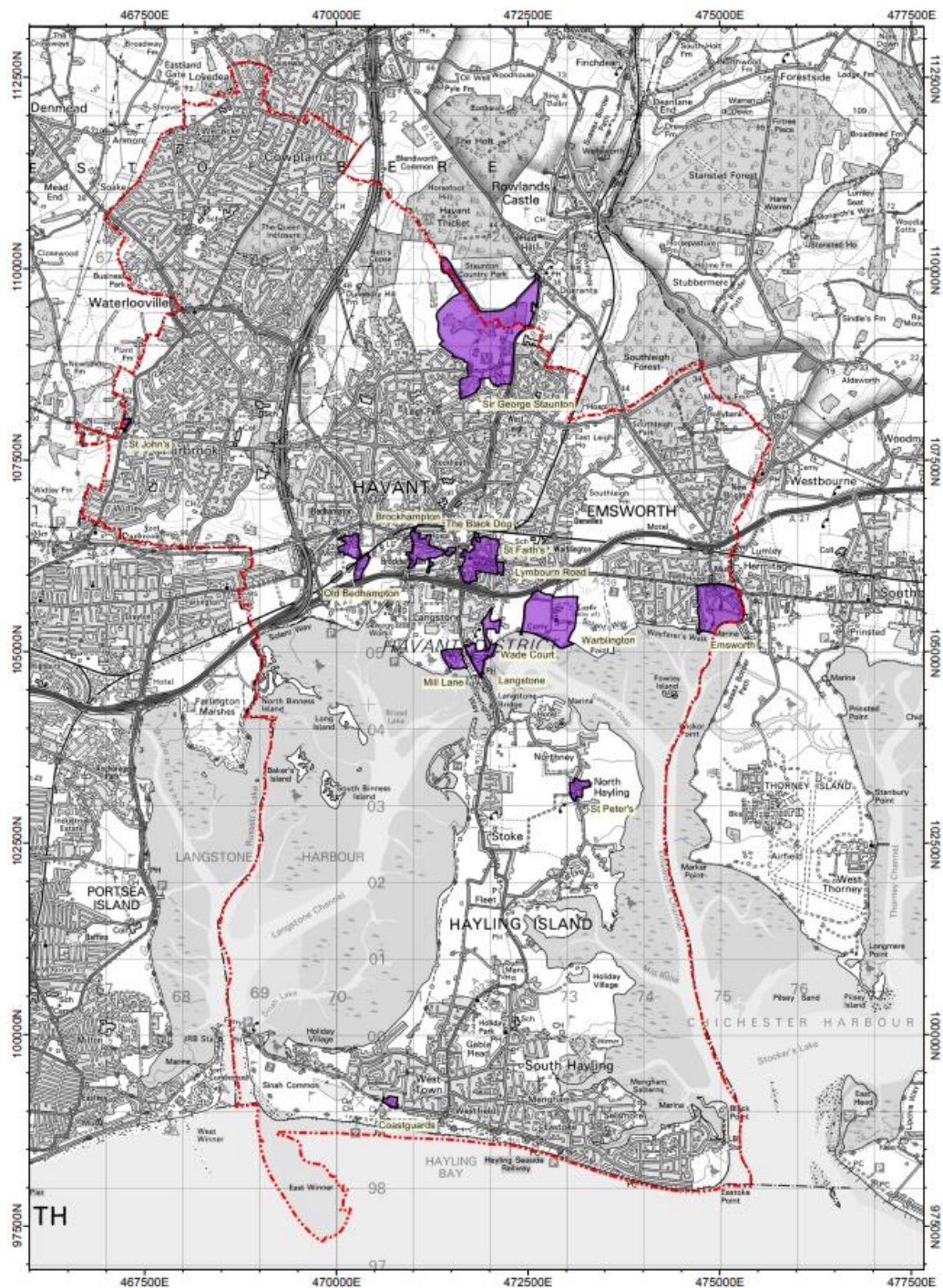
Inclusive Access: No works proposed.

Heritage Asset Statement:

- **Conservation Area: St Faith**
- “6.2.1 Evidence for prehistoric occupation of the area includes finds of flint tools in a number of locations including Mesolithic and Neolithic tools from the line of the by-pass to the south of the town centre, and on the site of the former Oak Park School to the north. This site was also a focus for Romano-British settlement in the second and third centuries.
- 6.2.2 West Street and East Street lie on or close to the Roman road between Chichester and Winchester whilst North Street and South Street are believed to represent the line of a Roman road between Hayling Island/Langstone Harbour and the pottery producing areas at Rowland's Castle and possibly the Alice Holt kilns further to the north. There is considerable archaeological evidence to suggest that there was a settlement, possibly a small town or market centre similar to those discovered at Neatham near Alton and East Anton near Andover, around the crossing point of these roads. Similarities in the plan of the town with that of Chichester have been suggested – including the position of the church in relation to the cross-roads and both places having an area known as the Pallant, a name that may suggest the presence of a palace (although it could also mean ‘enclosure’). Excavations in the Pallant area of Chichester have failed to reveal evidence for a palace.
- 6.2.3 The first record of Havant dates to AD 935 when land at Hamanfuntan were granted to Wihtgar by King Athelstan. The place-name, derived from the OE funta ‘a spring’ and the personal name ‘Hama’ refers to the presence of many springs that rise in and around the town. In 980 King Æthelred granted the estate to the monks of the Old Minster, Winchester (St Swithun's). The only archaeological evidence of Anglo-Saxon occupation in Havant is some pottery recovered from an area behind the property plots on the southern side of East Street
- 7.2.1 The St Faith's Conservation Area is focused on the church of St Faith and the survival of a medieval street plan (based on a Roman cross-roads) with its associated expansion of the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. In addition, there is the survival of a small number of industrial buildings reflecting some of the importance of Havant as a small market town with naturally occurring good quality water supplies in the form of a series of springs which are seen in limited places around the town today.”
(www.havant.gov.uk, n.d.)
- The conservation area has been understood and one of the most recurring points made in the document is that the Local pride and historical significance of the buildings and environment and how truly important they are to the area, and as such it is worth noting that these proposals do not damage the character and appearance of the Bank within the Conservation Area.

Location of Conservation Area

Havant Borough Conservation Areas



(www.havant.gov.uk, n.d.)

Referencing

- www.havant.gov.uk. (n.d.). Details of conservation areas - Overview | Havant Borough Council. [online] Available at: <https://www.havant.gov.uk/details-conservation-areas/details-conservation-areas-overview> [Accessed 4 Apr. 2024].