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DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT
BARCLAYS BANK: 18 EAST STREET, HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE PO9 1AQ

The Bank is located within in a Conservation Area. The site is within a small parade of shops located on a street just off the high street next to a studio with a hotel opposite. To the rear is a customer and staff car park backing onto a small access road. The context of the high street is a mix of architectural styles and building typologies with no reoccurring theme.

AMOUNT

We propose the installation of 2no. new air conditioning condenser units for the provision of air circulation within the building. There are currently 4 no. existing units that serve the bank. 1 of the existing units will be disposed of, and another will be relocated from ground floor to the flat roof. This will give a total of 5 units only one more than existing with the 2 new units being of a much lower operational sound than the existing.

LAYOUT

The proposed location for the new units is on the rear elevation where one unit that is being relocated currently sits. This area can be viewed from the public car park to the rear but is partially obscured by a low level wall. It is proposed that the two additional units are installed at a lower level to the existing units therefore making them more accessible for servicing and so they are further obstructed from view by the wall.

SCALE

The current existing condenser units that serve the branch need to be supplemented to allow for the new internal A/C units, which are being installed within the branch as part of the refurbishment. The banks focus is to provide an improved environment primarily for customers but also for staff within their main working zones.

LANDSCAPING

The existing landscaping will not be affected by the proposed works.

APPEARANCE

Due to their location on a building within a conservation area the conditioning units selected have a low operational sound. The external works applied for consist of the installation of the new units and relocation of the existing unit only. The units are to

be installed in similar locations to that of the existing units and therefore the effect of the building is negligible. The front of the building is not affected by the works proposed.

We believe that these additional pieces of kit will have little detrimental effect on the surrounding area and the benefit to staff and users of the bank will be vastly greater. There will be no effect on the residential dwellings to the rear of the car park due to their distance from the condenser units.

USE

The use of the property is not to change, in that it will remain a branch of Barclays Bank Plc. The refurbishments main goals are to update the branch so that it follows the current Barclays design standards. As the use is to remain as existing, it is assumed that the local area will support the application as an improvement to the aesthetic and facilities of the area.

ACCESS

Access to the branch remains the same.