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PROPOSED EXTERNAL ATM INSTALLATION, THE POST OFFICE, 26 CHIPENHAM WAY, MARKFIELD, LEICERSTERSHIRE, LE67 9WU--- ACCESS STATEMENT

Use

There is a wide range and diversity of facilities within the immediate area. It is considered that an external ATM (available to the public on a 24 hour basis) would work well in this location – particularly with regards the application site as it is already a Post Office providing services and facilities for the Local Community.

Amount

The Applicant has undertaken a detailed survey to establish the need for an external ATM in this location.The Applicant is satisfied that a need has been identified and is prepared to invest in the installation of such a facility based on the background survey information provided.

Layout

The proposed ATM machine will be installed to the front elevation of the Markfield Post Office and will be clearly visible from Chipenham Way.

Scale

It is submitted that the size, location and proportion of the proposed ATM will be proportionate and not overbearing to other shops or existing signage to the Post Office.

Landscaping

Not Applicable

Availability of Car Parking

There is a adequate off street parking within the immediate vicinity.

Appearance

It is submitted that the machine appearance criteria is acceptable for the location to which it is proposed. The location of the proposed ATM unit is through the existing shop front window.

Security

Each Post Office has had a risk assessment by the Post Office Risk Management team, in relation to previous Post Office incidents and a general 'hotspot' risk (ATM incidents across all ATM operators within a 5km radius)

The ATM will be cash replenished by Post Office staff in a secure environment outside customer hours, in accordance with Post Office operational standards

The ATM will be installed in accordance with Post Office Security Standards reference 1049 (anchoring) and 1053 (plinth to which ATM is secured). These are available upon request however should be treated as strictly confidential.

Access

The siting of the proposed machine has taken into account the proximity of the Post Office and the wide pedestrian concourse for ease of movement. In terms of DDA accessibility criteria – the ATM itself has been designed so as to be accessible for all.