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PROPOSED EXTERNAL ATM INSTALLATION, POST OFFICE, 47 HIGH STREET, BARWELL, LEICESTER. LE9 8DS.

DESIGN & 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 existing Barwell Post Office and will be clearly visible from the High Street.

Scale

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

Landscaping

Not Applicable

Availability of Car Parking

There is adequate car parking accessed via Stanley Street.

Appearance

It is submitted that the machine appearance criteria is acceptable for the location to which it is proposed. Replace existing glazed panel with laminated ply sheet, Colour:- Post Office Green, by "Print Laminates" Ref. No. 845, on 75x50mm softwood studwork at max 300mm cts with weldmesh security mat on 18mm WBP ply to inner face. Existing Post box to be re-located in new position.

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.

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 5k 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 Post Office Security Standards reference 1049 (anchoring), 1052 (bollards if applicable) and 1053 (plinth to which ATM is secured). These are available upon request however should be treated as strictly confidential.

The safe is a CEM level 3.

Sustainability

In terms of the viability and validity of the Post Office premises, the installation of an external ATM is seen as being key to retaining the Post Office facility within the local community.

Conservation Area Assessment

It is submitted that the proposed development will have a minimal impact on the character of the conservation area. The main alteration in terms of external appearance relates to the replacement of the existing left side glazing panel being replaced by a “Post Office” green laminated panel. The existing pillar post box is to be re-located to the opposite side if the frontage.

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