

DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT



Project: NatWest Whitehaven – Closure.

Address: Natwest Whitehaven Plc, 71, Lowther Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7AH

Date: 21th Oct 2022

APPLICANT:

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DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:

Closure of retail bank.

External:

Removal of existing signage, external an ATM 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: Vacant

TENURE:

Freehold

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 2x ATM's and 1x Night Safe Bezel are removed will be infilled with red sandstone and 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 solely. Wall will be reinstated to match original condition.

LANDSCAPING / PHILOSOPHY:

Not applicable.

APPEARANCE:

No original items will be affected. Reinstatement only.

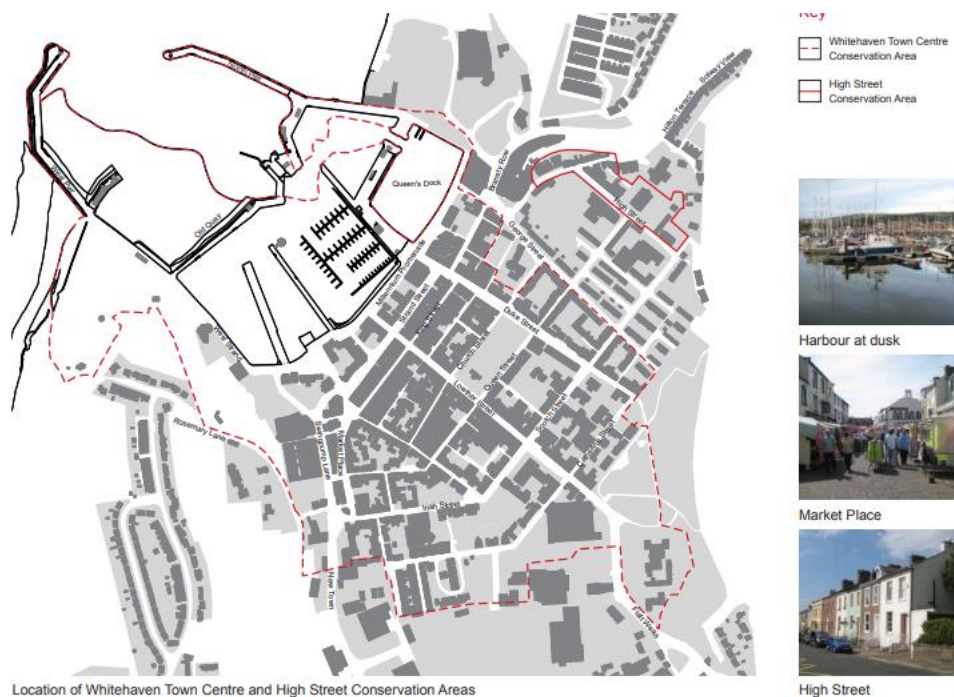
ACCESS:

Vehicular and Transport Links: No works proposed.

Inclusive Access: No works proposed.

HERITAGE ASSET STATEMENT:

- “Whitehaven is one of the earliest and most complete post-medieval planned towns in England. Until the middle of the seventeenth century it was a small fishing village, however it was then rapidly and deliberately planned and developed as a port and an industrial town by the Lowther family. By the eighteenth century, Whitehaven had become one of the largest ports in the northwest of England. By 1800 however, a recession, in part caused by the development and expansion of a number of the town’s rival ports, had set in from which the town never really recovered, and the rapid growth and later decline combined to ensure Whitehaven’s survival as an eighteenth-century planned town.
- Today Whitehaven is known for its attractive and colourfully painted Georgian buildings, its gridiron streets, its harbour and marina and for its connections with the formative years of the United States of America.” (*Part of the Whitehaven Town Centre Heritage and Design Series Whitehaven Town Centre and High Street Conservation Areas | Management Plan 2 Acknowledgements, 2009*)
- The conservation area has been understood and it is worth noting strongly that the proposed scheme is to remove the non-original branded signage, ATM’s, due to the closure of this retail bank. These proposals will enhance the character and appearance of the ‘Whitehaven Town Centre and High Street’ Conservation Area by reducing the palette of materials & clutter from the building and streetscape.



REFERENCING

- Part of the Whitehaven Town Centre Heritage and Design Series Whitehaven Town Centre and High Street Conservation Areas | Management Plan 2 Acknowledgements. (2009). [online] Available at: https://www.copeland.gov.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/conservation_area_management_plan.pdf [Accessed 21 Oct. 2022].