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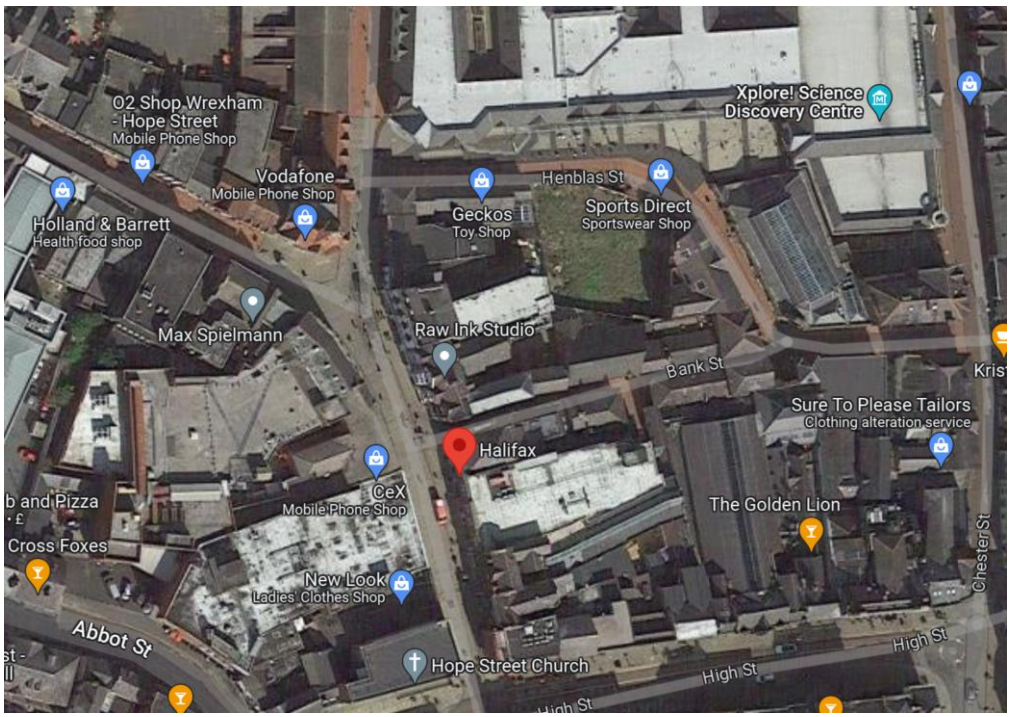


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Introduction

This statement has been prepared in order to support an application for the installation of electric panel heaters and a distribution board at Halifax Bank, 55 Hope Street, Wrexham. The Halifax bank is a Grade II listed building and is situated within the Wrexham Town Centre and the Wrexham Conservation Area. The site location is within a predominantly commercial area with other business establishments and some residential dwellings within close proximity, (See image below). Halifax is a banking chain in the United Kingdom and a division of Bank of Scotland, itself is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lloyds Banking Group (LBG). The following statement explains the works for the approval of the proposal.



Appraisal:

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

Reference Entry Number: 1845

Date first listed: 1994.01.31

Location

Statutory Address: 55 , Hope Street, Corner of Hope Street and Bank Street.

Conservation: Located within the Wrexham town centre conservation area.

County: Wrexham

Community: Rhosddu

Traditional County: Denbighshire

District: Fenland (District Authority)

National Grid Reference:

OS Eastings: 333519
OS Northings: 350272
OS Grid: SJ335502
Latitude: 53.0456 / 53°2'44"N
Longitude: -2.9931 / 2°59'35"W

Site / Vicinity

Wrexham is a city within the Wrexham County Borough of Wales. The bank premises dates back to the 1876. The property is of an Italianate design and comprises of two storeys a roof and a basement. Central entrance in stressed architrave with coupled Tuscan engaged columns and moulded brackets carrying entablature with den tilled frieze and blocking course which defines the banks entrance. Windows are slightly recessed each side. Cornice over ground floor, the upper storey articulated by pilasters, and the four-pane sash windows are set in moulded architraves with entablatures. Heavy modillion cornice, and end wall stacks under a hipped, slate roof and flat roof section.

Proposals

The building has been a Halifax Bank for a number of years, serving the local community during this time. This building is in a prominent central location alongside other businesses and financial institutions within an established town centre community. The proposed works includes works internally to the branch as listed below.

Please see separate photo pack.

The intention externally is to:

- No external works are required.

The intention internally is to:

Ground floor.

- Retain existing radiators (Radiators are not of historic interest).
- Installation of 2no new electric panel heaters in the banking hall, next to the existing panel radiators.

- Localised making good and decorations to the 2no areas affected by the new electric panel heaters being installed to match the existing finish.
- Floor protection to areas affected by the installation.

First Floor

- Retain existing radiators (Radiators are not of historic interest).
- Installation of 1no new electric panel heater in the waiting area, next to the existing panel radiator.
- Instillation of 1no new distribution board in the existing plant room.
- Localised making good and decorations to the 1no area affected by the new electric panel heater being installed to match the existing finish.
- Floor protection to the area affected by the installation.

Second floor

- Retain existing radiators (Radiators are not of historic interest).
- Installation of 1no new electric panel heater in the stair landing area, next to the existing panel radiator.
- Localised making good and decorations to the 1no area affected by the new electric panel heater being installed to match the existing finish.
- Floor protection to the area affected by the installation.

Third Floor

- Retain existing radiators (Radiators are not of historic interest).
- Installation of 3no new electric panel heaters in the stair landing area and the staff room, next to the existing panel radiators.
- Localised making good and decorations to the 3no areas affected by the new electric panel heaters being installed to match the existing finish.
- Floor protection to areas affected by the installation.

Basement Floor

- Retain existing radiators (Radiators are not of historic interest).
- Installation of 4no new electric panel heaters in the stair landing area, toilets, and storeroom, next to the existing panel radiators.
- Localised making good and decorations to the 4no areas affected by the new electric panel heaters being installed to match the existing finish.
- Floor protection to areas affected by the installation.

Relating to all floors

- Making good to areas where surface mounted conduits are to be installed to match existing.
- Localised making good to ceilings where required to match existing.

Impact

We have carefully considered this proposal in relation to the heritage asset, and we feel the proposed works will not have a negative impact on the building itself or any surrounding heritage assets. The proposed works are limited to the building interior and will not have a negative impact on the building façade or banking hall in any way.

Conclusion

The development plays a role in supporting a strong and vibrant community. The proposal seeks to improve equipment and operational context, thus providing a much-improved facility for both staff and customers.
We hope this statement meets the required standards aiding progress of this application to be approved