Design & Access Statement for Notemachine. Retrospective ATM Installation.

Comet Square – Hatfield. Unit 4A Parkhouse Court, Comet Way, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9RQ

Introduction

This design and access statement has been produced in support for Planning Consent for NoteMachine ATM applications.

The purpose of the installation; is to provide banking facilities for Comet Square - Hatfield.

As this statement is for an A.T.M installation within the existing external façade, some aspects such as "layout" and "Access" are of limited applicability.

Relevant Policies

Policy D1 – Quality of Design. The Council will require the standard of design in all new development to be of a high quality. The design of new development should incorporate the design principles and policies in the Plan and the guidance contained in the Supplementary Design Guidance.

Policy D9: Access and Design for People with Disabilities. All new development should be designed to allow access by the disabled, young children in prams and pushchairs and those who are temporarily disabled through accident or injury. The council will continue to provide for the movement needs of people with mobility restrictions in existing and proposed public areas and will support the promotion of mobility initiatives wherever possible.

Policy TCR2 – Retail Development in Village and Neighbourhood Centres. Proposals for retail development will be permitted within the district's village and neighbourhood centres, where they would meet all of the following criteria:

- i. Maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of the centre
- ii. Enhance the centre's local shopping and service function
- iii. Be in scale with the size of the centre and its surroundings
- iv. Not harm the vitality and viability of other nearby centres
- v. Not give rise to any significant harmful environmental impacts, such as unacceptable traffic generation.

Design Principles and Concepts

Amount

The site is within a retail area which will benefit from the provision of banking facilities.

The proposed A.T.M will provide direct and unobstructed access

The A.T.M will be installed flush with the existing external shop front glazing.

Scale

The dimensions of the proposal are:-

A.T.M and surround external dimensions $865 \, \text{mm} \times 1256 \, \text{mm}$ set at a height of $700 \, \text{mm}$ from the pavement level to the underside of the surround.

The display screen is carefully shielded from ambient lighting to prevent glare and reflection, ensuring a clear and sharp image is visual by both standing and seated users.

Layout

The A.T.M will be installed at a suitable height in order that the cash dispenser can be easily accessed, in accordance with DDA regulations.

Landscaping

Due to the nature of the installation, we feel the application will not benefit from any future landscaping.

Appearance

The A.T.M is a modern design with a black bezel surround with white internally illuminated lettering Free Cash withdrawals out of the black background. The surround is to be halo illuminated in blue. The ATM is to be installed through the brick wall on the left.

Access

The A.T.M will have good access for the public. Due to the flat level surface to the frontage and its position within the frontage.

Secondary Access

The installation has been designed to anticipate and overcome the restriction that would prevent disabled persons from making full use of the service to be provided together with the needs of more vulnerable people from protection of attack and intimidation. Thus providing an accessible and safe service for all.

Conclusion

The A.T.M will have the principal benefit to the community of providing cash on demand to customers of Comet Square - Hatfield which will also encourage people to visit and use local shops benefiting the local area shop keepers and enhancing the local area.