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## **Design & Access Statement**

### **BT Telephone Exchange, Wigmores North, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6PH**

BT plan to install the 'fibre' broadband rollout network programme, as part of the Governments initiative for high-speed broadband, to every home by 2025. Therefore, BT needs to upgrade the broadband and landline technology for the local area that this telephone exchange serves. As part of this upgrade, additional ventilation is required in one of the rooms at the above premises. It is proposed to remove panes of glass from two windows on the first-floor east elevation. An aluminium louvre will be installed and fixed to the metal window frames, as per submitted drawing and photos. The louvres will be a mill finish to match existing louvres already installed in the building.

The site will not be developed or enlarged in any way. The use of the floor space will not change, it will continue to house telecommunications equipment.

The appearance of the building will not materially change, the extent of the alterations are illustrated on the drawing & photos that accompany this statement.

There will be no changes to any landscaping. There are no trees on the site affected by this installation.

There is no foul sewage or impact on utilities during or after this installation

There will be no changes to the existing access arrangements of this building either during the works or following completion of the work.