

Design, Access & Heritage Statement

Leek Telephone Exchange

Our Ref 212-2202-49

Need for the proposed works:

Due to the installation of British Telecom's new 21st century communications network system, also the uptake of broadband and the installation of other licensed operator's telecommunications equipment within telephone exchanges, BT are looking to improve ventilation at the above premises, and all of BT's Telephone exchange premises. The new ventilation equipment will also be highly efficient and will meet current requirements for energy savings and provide a significant carbon reduction across the portfolio.

Proposed Works:

It is proposed to remove the glazing from part of 1 Nr. window frame to the East elevation fronting St Edward Street and install an aluminium Louvre.

Significance & Impact

The replacement of the window pane with the ventilation louvre is the only external work to be undertaken and the structural openings will remain as existing allowing the works to be reversed without an impact on the property.

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

The appearance of the building will not significantly change and the aluminium louvre will be powder coated white to match the existing window frame to minimise the visual impact.

There will be no changes to any landscaping on the site and we consider the proposals will have no detrimental impact.

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

We are of the opinion the proposed works will have minimal or no impact.