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Application
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Location: Unit 2, The Old Court House, High Street, Leek

Proposal: Installation of Bank of Ireland ATM with reflective advertising collar surround.

ATM to be installed within the glazing of the front elevation (second pane along from the main entrance door) in an anti-tamper cabinet. See also advert ref SMD/2017/0739

The following comments should be considered in the light of the National Planning Policy Framework aim to achieve places which promote '*safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion*', National Planning Practice Guidance which states that '*Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning and delivery of new development*' and the statutory obligation placed on local authorities to recognise the likely effect of their decision-making and do all they can to prevent crime and disorder in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Staffordshire Police welcome the comprehensive section on Community Safety/ATM Security within the Design and Access Statement accompanying related application SMD/2017/0739. The applicant's commitment to seeking to comply with the good practice and minimum security standards in relation to the ATM itself and host premises contained within the '*Best Practice for Physical ATM Security*' published by the ATM Security Working Group is noted.

Although not directly overlooked, the location will benefit from a good level of natural surveillance during the daytime and evening from pedestrians and vehicles passing by. At other times it is likely to be relatively quiet. The ATM will no doubt be popular being on a walking thoroughfare into the town centre.

It would be extremely beneficial if as part of the ATM installation CCTV coverage was provided over the ATM and the area immediately in front of it. This would provide peace of mind for ATM users, deter incidents against users, such as robbery or in relation to the ATM itself (bearing in mind that a number of skimming or money-trap devices have been found on ATMs in the north of the county in recent years), and should the need arise, provide crucial evidence to further an investigation should an incident occur. Currently there is no external CCTV coverage of the shop front. The provision of CCTV coverage providing high definition images is something Staffordshire Police would always advocate when a new ATM is being installed and here is no exception. Placing a camera directly above the ATM looking straight down would be of questionable value and should be avoided.

The applicant may also wish to consider the following. While the location on the edge of the town centre should greatly reduce the likelihood of more high profile crimes targeting the ATM (and cash inside) itself undertaken by organised professional criminal gangs, the applicant would do well to consider the merits of putting in place measures to frustrate such offenders using certain specific modus operandi. To prevent the removal of the ATM through the front elevation by such as a digger, the existence of a police approved Anti-Theft Device produced by Acketts is brought to the attention of the applicant - <http://www.ackettsgroup.com/atm-security-range/anti-theft-device/> . Should a device be incorporated, appropriately advertising the fact could help to prevent the enormous disruption and devastating structural damage such an attack, albeit an unsuccessful one, can result in. While acknowledging the inclusion of an anti-tamper cabinet, an extremely effective security measure to prevent offenders successfully attacking the ATM should access to the building be gained, a fogging device could be considered. These offer excellent protection for the time between an alarm activation and a response arriving. A number of companies have police Secured by Design approval and these would be recommended. As an incidental footnote, fogging devices can also be very effective security measures in the event of attempted shop robberies during daytime opening hours.

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