Heritage Statement

General

This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of a Planning Application for the proposed automation of the banking hall internal doors at the National Westminster Bank, 24 Derby Street, Leek. This Document is to be read in conjunction with the following drawings:

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Site Location Plan
GHL Design & Access Statement

The Property & Proposals

We are proposing to automate the internal public access door set to the banking hall to provide improved access for those with disabilities. This automation will involve the installation of automatic door openers which will be fixed to the top transom of the door frame, signage and door safety barriers to mitigate the risk of members of the public being struck by the doors when they are opening.

Materials

Please see the accompanying drawings for details

Construction

Given the small scale of the proposal it is unlikely that it will create any noticeable disruption. The construction methodology and programming will be mindful of any potential disruption and measures put in place to alleviate this. Any materials that can be recycled will be reused.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE & IMPACT: *ASSESSMENT TABLE*

Proposed Works (*item by item*):	**Significance of the historic fabric/area that will be affected:**	**The impact of the proposed work(s) on the historic fabric/area:**
Installation of automatic door openers and associated signage to banking hall doors. *Installation of pedestrian protection barriers.*	*The door-set forms a part of the original main banking hall wall and panelling assembly of enriched wood and marble.*	We would suggest that the impact of the installation of the door openers and adhesive door signage has a minimal impact on the building assets and is reversible should, at some future point, these installations need to be removed. Similarly the installation of the pedestrian barriers will have minimal impact and can be removed is deemed necessary.