

# DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT



**Project:** NatWest Huddersfield  
**Address:** 8 Market Place, Huddersfield, HA1 2AL  
**Date:** 11/08/25

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## **DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:**

External:  
Removal of existing signage & installation of new signage

Internal:  
N/A

## **USE:**

Existing: Retail Bank  
Proposed: Retail Bank

**TENURE:** Leasehold

**LISTING:** Not Listed

## **AMOUNT:**

Minor works to bring the branch up to date with the current branding.

## **SCALE:**

N/A

## **LANDSCAPING / PHILOSOPHY:**

N/A

## **APPEARANCE:**

The proposed signage will be a like-for-like replacement of existing signage, mounting/fixing holes will be reused.

## **ACCESS:**

Vehicular and Transport Links: No works proposed.  
Inclusive Access: No works proposed.

## **HERITAGE ASSET STATEMENT:**

The building is not listed but is located within a conservation area.

## **Conservation Area: Civic and Commercial Character Area – Market Place**

- Wide, pedestrian retail street with various poor quality 20th century buildings on the periphery detracting from the setting.

- Town Hall is an imposing feature but lacks prominence in its setting; heavily classical in its design.
- Former Co-operative stores (formerly Wilkos) along New Street richly decorative and classical in design, although the ground floor has detracting modern shopfronts.
- On the south of the area is the early 20th century Co-operative building on the corner which contrasts with its modern style.

Following the granting of a Royal Charter to hold a market in Huddersfield, Sir John Ramsden erected the surviving market cross in 1671. Eventually the weekly market outgrew the available space, which resulted in the building of the Cloth Hall in the 1760s. The market cross marked the site of the general market and, although it has been moved several times, it remains as one of the oldest surviving monuments in Huddersfield.

The general market continued to be held in the Market Place for two centuries until the covered/wholesale market on Byram, Lord and Brook Street was constructed in 1881. Huddersfield Corporation commissioned a fountain to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887 (unveiled in 1888) which stood in Market Place.

The fountain was eventually relocated to Greenhead Park in 1920 where it is currently Grade II Listed.09 Market Place is currently an underappreciated and poorly presented space which erodes the area's overall character and significance. Historically the Jubilee Fountain was once a feature in the square, moving the fountain back to the square is unlikely to be feasible (particularly due to its Grade II Listing) but a modern interpretation of the feature could help create more of a focal point out of the space.