Design and Access Statement for the proposed replacement of 14 no. x air conditioning condensers with 2 no. x air conditioning VRV units, within the external services compound at Sterling House, 16 Old Park Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 2JR.

It is proposed to update the existing air conditioning system including replacing 14 no. x condensers with 2no. new VRV units. The extent of the proposed alterations is very limited and therefore the extent of this Design and Access Statement is similarly limited.

Use
The property is used as a bank business centre.

Amount
The proposals do not affect the amount of building structure.

Layout
The layout of the building is unaffected. The units will replace existing ac condensers within the external services compound, which is enclosed and shielded by 2m high brick walls and palisade gates.

Scale
The scale of the building is unaffected.

Appearance
The units are to be located within the existing purpose-built services compound. This is surrounded on 3 sides with 2m high brick walls and on the fourth side with a palisade fence and gates. The fence and gates side faces onto the car park entrance drive, normal to Old Park Road. The inside of the compound is not readily viewable from Old Park Road.

Access
Access to the building and the surrounding amenities are unaffected.

Social Content
The purpose of the condensers is to improve conditions within the branch for the benefit of visitors and staff.