

PLANNING REF : 250303
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 50 Rose Street
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG401XU
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Hazel Guile - The Wokingham Society
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/02/2025

COMMENTS:

The Wokingham (Civic) Society planning officer has reviewed this application as it is in line with The Society's policy to review all planning applications relating to buildings and structures being submitted to WBC within the town centre Conservation Area,

The Wokingham Society encourages well designed shop fronts and signage that retain the historic style & character of the Town Centre & Market Place and wishes to comment as follows:

Application - 250303 - 5 Broad Street. (previously Nat West Bank)
Proposed replacement of shop door.
There is a comprehensive heritage assessment submitted with this application.
This building is in a prominent position in Broad Street contributing to the character of the town centre. Banking has a long history first coming to Wokingham in 1890 and to Broad Street in 1905. The distinctive architectural style of banking buildings survives to this day and contributes greatly to the character of the town.
From photographic evidence banks of that era had solid wooden front doors and large glass windows.
It would therefore be preferable to retain the architectural style recognisable as its operating origins as a bank.