

Plans to create two-storey office space in town's old Post Office

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THERE are plans to create a two-storey office space in the old Post Office in the middle of Carmarthen. The grade two listed building, which was built in 1906, has been empty since 2014.

The owners of the building, BMC Developments Ltd, have been in discussions with Carmarthen-shire Council and have applied for planning permission to make changes inside the building.

It is thought the offices would be big enough for around 50 office workers, who will be situated on the ground and first floors.

A report within the planning application states: "It has been on the market since as potential retail/office space, but given the condition of the internal spaces has not been deemed suitable by any potential occupiers. This application seeks to redress these issues using the potential grant to provide high quality office accommodation in the centre of Carmarthen."

"The basement and second floors do not form part of the application and



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will be retained by the owner for potential alternative future uses."

The report adds that this is the first "significant" planning application for the former post office since it closed.

In terms of actual work should plans be approved, the application report states: "There is no planned material change to the existing elevations of the building."

"It is intended that the facades will be generally cleaned and the existing timber sash windows will be refurbished and redecorated."

"Internal secondary glazing is proposed leaving the external fenestration unaltered. Existing guttering and downpipes

will be retained and refurbished wherever possible and if replacements are needed to the prime elevations, they will match the originals."

While internally the report adds: "There are limited alterations required to the internal layouts, which are generally restricted to the removal of the Post Office counter and various stud partitions to provide larger open plan office space."

The King Street Post Office branch was relocated to WH Smith in Guildhall Square in 2014.

The application for offices at the former Post Office will be discussed shortly by Carmarthen-shire Council's planning committee.

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