Design & Access Statement

(A) Understanding the impact of the works:

1. The impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of the area;

The installation of the proposed plaque will enhance the character of the area and the building in that it will provide information of interest. The hospital has been the location of religious activity for 800 years and has an association with Anthony Trollope who it is said was inspired to write 'The Warden' after visiting the site. It continues a long history of providing residential Christian accommodation.

2. The impact the proposal will have of the special architectural and historic importance of the building.

It will provide information relating to the long history of the religious and charitable nature of services provided on this site and its literary associations.

3. The site does not lie within the World Heritage Site.

(B) The Approach to the design of the works:

4. This plaque is one of many that Salisbury Civic Society has installed within the city to highlight buildings of special interest.

5. The proposal is to attach a 33cms blue enamelled plaque of cast aluminium to a pillar at the front gate of St. Nicholas Hospital. The plaque will be installed by Moulding & Co, using two screws to attach it to the brickwork. The plaque could be detached, if required, with minimal impact on the fabric. A mock-up of the plaque in situ is attached separately.

6. N/A

(C) Consultation

7. The location of the proposed plaque has been agreed with the Trustees of St. Nicholas Hospital and the Development Committee of the Salisbury Civic Society.

(D) Access

8. No changes are proposed to the access. The plaque will be visible from the public highway.