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Superdrug, 41 Market Place, Devizes SN10 1JG

Design, Access and Heritage Statement

27th November 2023

1. Introduction

1.1 PMP Bristol Ltd. have prepared proposals on behalf of Superdrug Stores Plc for repair works to the damaged left-hand stone quoin at their retail premises at **41 Market Place, Devizes SN10 1JG**.

1.2 The proposal is to repair the damaged quoin by cutting out 6 no. eroded stones by hand and replacing them with new limestone. The new stone will match the existing in material, sizing, and its chamfered profile. The new stone will be fixed into place by hand using stone dust and lime, and will be finished with the white limewash to match the existing. Additionally, the flaking white decorative finish above the area to be replaced will be scraped off and replaced with a limewash that will not hinder the porosity and 'breathability' of the existing stonework.

1.3 This design, access and heritage statement outlines the extent of the proposed repair works and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Method Statement and Photos.

2. Use

2.1 The proposals do not seek to change the use of any part of the building.

3. Amount

3.1 The proposed repair works do not seek to make any change to the overall building footprint. As such, there is no proposed extension or reduction of the external building envelope area.

4. Layout

4.1 The general building layout will be unaffected by the proposals.

5. Scale

5.1 The overall massing and height of the building will not be altered by the proposals.

6. Landscaping

6.1 There are no proposed alterations to any hard landscaping.

6.2 There are no proposed alterations to any soft landscaping.

7. Appearance

7.1 The proposal will improve the appearance of the façade of 41 Market Place, Devizes SN10 1JG by replacing the 6 no. stones to the left-hand quoin. This section has eroded due to water damage and affects the presentation of the building. The repair will return the façade to its best and originally intended appearance.

7.2 If left, the stone quoin will deteriorate further due to water soaking into the stone and causing sections to spall onto the pavement below. See photos below.

7.3 The new stone will have a white limewash applied to it. This will match the appearance of the existing finishes to the quoins, as well as the string course at first floor cill level, the cornice above the second floor windows and the window surrounds.



Stone Quoin to left corner showing erosion due to water damage.



Further view showing 6 no. stones to be replaced.

7.4 It is evident that the damage to the stonework has been caused by water leaking from defective joints to the neighbouring metal square profile downpipe. (See surveyor's report submitted as part of this application). The owner of the neighbouring property (who also owns 41 Market Place) has been informed and has agreed to repair the downpipe to 40 Market Place so that the issue does not re-occur. See photo:



Neighboring downpipe.

7.5 The proposal is to cut out 6 no. stones immediately above the first-floor windowsill height (see photo above for extent). The chosen stone will be limestone to match existing. The new stone will be fixed using a stone dust and lime mix. The new stone will be finished with a white limewash to match the retained finishes.

7.6 This proposal is to be read in conjunction with the photos, Method Statement and Surveyor's Report submitted as part of this Listed Building Application.

8. Heritage

8.1 41 Market Place is in the centre of Devizes. It was constructed in the 18th century. Its list entry number is 1250840 and it was first listed in 1954. It is Grade II status. The front elevation is brick with a string course at 1st floor cill level. It has chamfered stone quoins. Other notable features are outlined in the Listing Details.

8.2 The proposed repair works to the building seek to return it to its intended appearance.

8.3 The proposed repair will seek to reuse existing fabric wherever possible. Where this is not possible, new limestone will be installed, matching the existing stone material at quoins. The new stone will be chamfered to match the retained quoin sections. All material will be cut out and replaced by hand, and lime used as a fixing medium.

9. Access

9.1 It is not proposed to make any alterations to the existing pedestrian routes into and within the building.

10. Appendix

10.1 41 Market Place Heritage Listing Details are presented below for reference.

Overview

Heritage Category:	Listed Building
Grade:	II
List Entry Number:	**1250840**
Date first listed:	09-Apr-1954
Statutory Address:	41 MARKET PLACE, DEVIZES SN10 1JG

Details

1. 1042 MARKET PLACE (North East Side)

No 41 SU 0061 3a/109 9.4.54.

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2. C18. 3 storeys. Brick. String at 1st floor cill level. Moulded and bracketed cornice. Brick parapet, moulded stone coping with stone angle blocks. Chamfered stone quoins. Stone tile roof. 4 windows to upper floors with stone architrave surrounds and additional curved frieze and cornice over 1st floor windows, which have wrot iron flower guards. No glazing bars to 2nd floor windows. On ground floor C19 shop front with pilasters frieze and cornice, to the right between pilasters there was formerly a 6 panel door, now replaced by a plate glass window to shop.

Nos 29 to 42 (consec) and The Market Hall form a group. Listing NGR: SU0044861502