Heritage Statement



Project: Nationwide Devizes – Stone Repairs To First Floor Level

Address: 3 Maryport Street, Devizes, SN10 1AH

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Revision:

1.0 Introduction

1.0 This Heritage Statement has been prepared as part of the Planning Submission (Listed Building Consent/Conservation) for the proposed Stonework Repairs at Ground Level long Maryport Street Elevation

1.1 The Statement, has been prepared based on the existing condition of the stone facade and columns which supports the upper floors of the building. The structural columns which encompass the bay windows are a distinctive feature of the building

1.2 The purpose of the Heritage Statement is to set out how the agent on behalf of the applicant has taken into account relevant design information, to meet the requirements policies and guidance of article 4c of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

2.0 Use

2.0 Currently used as banking premises for Nationwide Building Society, situated along Maryport Street, which is a busy corner street within the financial sector of the town. the construction of the building is Ground Floor stone and First Floor render façade with flat and bay windows .

2,1 The existing stone structure form the main structural support of the building at ground level with arch bay window designs. This provides minimum structure to provide maximum daylight into the building. It is this ground floor which provides the main retail banking customer interface and building operation with direct view onto Maryport Street The projection out from the facade is unique only to this building and only from the First Floor used for Admin purposes. It is these bay windows with their location and orientation to the weather elements ,that have led to the sever decay of the stone work (previously it was timber windows)

3.0 Layout

3.0 The Building gross area is to remain, with the fabric also to remain. The stone work repair works is to replace the vulnerable weak stone sections which have become loose, cracked, fallen or weakened by weather and require immediate attention. The stone work provides the columns, base and lintel support over the windows and structural support for the upper floors. Following on from the window repairs, it is become apparent the stone work is also in major state of decay. This is a priority on Health & Safety grounds

4.0 Historical & Architectural Significance

4.0 The building is Grade II Listed, with entry details as follows:-

C18 front to possibly earlier building. 3 storeys stucco faced. Upper floors flanked by Doric pilasters on moulded bases. Boxed reeded eaves. Low pitch gable end slate roof. 2nd floor: 2 sash windows, later glazing bars, slightly recessed in thin moulded wood frames. lst floor: 2 C19 small canted wood bays with moulded frames to lights, no glazing bars, small boxed aprons cutting into boxed ground floor cornice. The ground floor is heavily rusticated with voussoirs to 3 segmental arched shop windows and to 2 elliptical

5.0 Description of Works

5.1 Due to weather elements, such as frost damage, and major stone erosion from water damage has Caused the appearance of the bath stone finish to be in a precarious state. This has led to signs of loose stone, missing sections, cracks, crevices and stone flaking effect. This has cause a major impact on the building. Moreover, the stone column supports and the structural stability of the building may have been undermined and is vulnerable to further structural issues. Once the stone repairs have been rectified, and completed the building will be restored to its original state. At present, the entire façade is vulnerable at strategic stone weak points and require immediate attention. Loose and friable stone to be removed with wire brush. Nano lime to be applied to all corroded stonework , solidifying it . Mortar capping to deeper areas of repair. Stonework to be preserved much as possible

5.2 The relationship between the existing building façade is unchanged, the stone work windows will be restored with new and redecorated to return the First Floor

6.0 Access

6.1 Relevant access will be unchanged although pedestrian disruption may be possible due to the erection of scaffolding during the duration of the works until stone works have been repaired. This is to protect the safety of customers and the Public, with these obstructions envisaged for a short period. Banking services will continue via the main entrance.

7.0 Summary

7.0 Repair work to the stone work is imperative at this early stage to prevent the stone decay from expanding and creating more serious issues in the future. This may result part demolition with stone replacement at effected areas. Furthermore, the stones could create an instant debris collapse creating a danger to the Public.

Purpose of this Heritage is to provide a statement and an account to clarify the proposed works to repair the defective stone work and must be read in conjunction with C&D Restoration Limited Report. The works will retain, the integrity, design and Listed status of the building for future use.