

5 St Johns Court
Devizes, Wiltshire
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HERITAGE STATEMENT

No 5 St Johns Court is a Grade 11 listed end of terrace house situated in an historic part of the Conservation Area of Devizes. The property in its current form is of 18th century origin although it encompasses an older timber frame structure likely of 17th century origin.

Various interventions have been made to the house over the years, including the rebuilding of the rear inside wall in modern brick.

The house was part of The Liberal club in Devizes until the end of the last century, which encompassed this property and 2 other now separate cottages at the rear. When the properties were designated as individual dwellings, the interior of No 5 was significantly altered to provide the 3 bedroomed accommodation that it now offers.

Since this change to residential accommodation the interior of the house has not been refurbished, and although devoid of original features on the inside, warrants aesthetic improvement as well as functioning modern facilities, to maintain and enhance its viability and historic importance.

As custodians of this listed building we recognise that it is vitally important to conserve its historic elements, which in this case principally relates to its external construction and presentation, which we will endeavour to conserve by necessary repair and decoration.

The entrance to No 5 St Johns Court from the street, is through an external passageway which leads to a courtyard garden. When changes were made to this entrance to the former 'Liberal Club' which had a doorway to what is now a ground floor bedroom, the doorway was sealed up with modern brickwork. We would propose to insert a new wooden sash window in keeping with the rear windows to the courtyard, into this former opening, to increase light levels on the ground floor and to improve ventilation, as well as looking more attractive than it is at present.

The same ground floor bedroom at the front of the house is overly large, and we propose to reduce the size of this room with a stud partition wall and existing door, which would allow a comfortable space for ground floor facilities – a small shower room, toilet and basin off a small inner hallway. This would have no impact on the historic structure of the building, while providing a modern accessible ground floor facility. The ground floor is of solid construction and only minor works to link this bathroom to the mains drainage which runs beneath the passageway, would be required.

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