

Design & Access and Heritage Statement

Details

Site Name: 2 and 4, Hare & Hounds Street

Address of site: 2 Hare & Hounds Street, Devizes, SN10 1LZ

Local Planning Authority: Wiltshire Council

County: Wiltshire

Statutory Listing: Grade II

List Entry Number: 1263555

Proposal: Front door replacement

Introduction

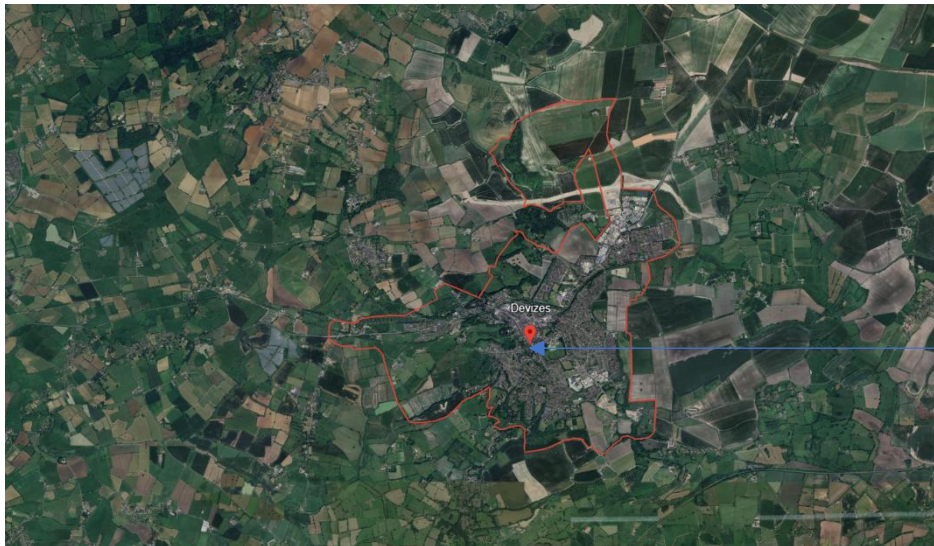
A site visit was made to 2 Hare & Hounds Street, on the 10th of December 2025, which has informed this Design & Access and Heritage Statement and aims to justify the proposals.

2 Hare and Hounds dates from the 18th century. It has two storeys, an attic, and cellars. The building is brick built on a projecting plinth, which has a splayed stone capping. The corners of the building have stone quoins. Above the ground-floor windows there is a splayed string course. At the top of the wall there is a moulded stone eaves cornice.

The roof is on the gable end and is now covered with modern pantiles. There are two rebuilt sash dormer windows in the roof.

On the first floor there are four windows: these alternate between paired and single sash windows. They are set slightly back, have their original glazing bars, moulded frames, and painted stone surrounds.

On the ground floor there are two tripartite sash windows in moulded frames, again with their glazing bars intact, sitting on block sills. There are two doors; the door to No. 2 is slightly narrower. Each door has five panels, of which three are glazed. The top glazed panel has an interlaced curved pattern. The doors are in plain stone surrounds with flat hoods above, supported on cut brackets. There are also cellar gratings at ground level.



Site Location

Schedule of Works

The Front Door for which replacement is proposed is at the end of its serviceable life and is beyond economical repair. Being of traditional timber construction and single glazed, the continual use over time has led to structural/integrity issues through wear and tear but also, due to poor airtightness and thermal performance, the door has a direct impact on the internal environment. Draughts caused by gaps, water ingress, and condensation (leading to mould growth) cause significant issues for resident health and wellbeing and it is a client priority to address these to ensure residents have a safe and comfortable environment in which to live.

Notwithstanding the above, the client fully understands the historical importance of the listed building and its visual role within the area. As such, a detailed and photographic survey has been undertaken of the existing elements, this has informed the design and layout of the proposed replacements to replicate the style, colour and appearance of the existing as far as practically possible.

Relevant Planning History

Ref. No: K/76/0297. June 1976. Staircase block.

Impact of Heritage Assets

The proposed replacement of the door will preserve the special interest of the listed building and preserve the setting of the nearby listed buildings and street scene. Therefore, it will be in keeping with the objectives of Sections 66(1) and 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation area) Act 1990.

The proposed replacement of the door to match the existing is in accordance with the Local Plan and sections of the National Planning Policy Framework, which relate to the heritage assets and the historic environment, while bringing benefits to the residents.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed like-for-like replacement of the existing Georgian front door at 2 Hare & Hounds Street is a conservation-led intervention that will sustain and enhance the special architectural and historic interest of this Grade II listed building. The works are confined to a single, deteriorated element that is now beyond economical repair and will not involve any alteration to the existing openings, detailing or overall composition of the principal elevation. By carefully replicating the existing door in form, style and appearance, the proposal will preserve the character of the building, reinforce the contribution it makes to the wider historic street scene, and maintain the significance of the heritage asset and its setting.
