

# **Installation of replacement CCTV camera at Waitrose Store 17/18 High Street Marlborough SN8 1AA**

## **Heritage Statement**

### **The building**

The Marlborough store of Waitrose and Partners is located at 17/18 High Street. The only remaining heritage asset is the front façade of the original building which is listed.

This was originally built in 1859 and served as a corn exchange. In later years a cinema was built behind the façade and then a supermarket which opened in 1977. The English Heritage List entry still refers to the building as a cinema.

It is described in the English Heritage List entry as follows:

#### **Cinema**

*Shortly before 1859. Built as a Corn Exchange by the Marquess of Ailesbury.*

*Rendered. 2 storeys. Band. Moulded eaves cornice. Parapet masking roof.*

*4 blind panels with cills on 1st floor. Arcade of 4 depressed arches with keystones and moulded imposts, that on left open to yard, remainder with C20 glazing and glazing bars.*

*Listing NGR: SU1879569078*

Although the listing refers to a rendered façade it in fact formed in stone with a more modern element to the west constructed in red brickwork presumably when the shop was created.

### **Background to the proposals**

CCTV cameras were installed in in 2015 in five locations in Marlborough High Street including one on the east end of the library façade to the High Street. Marlborough Town Council is now seeking to replace these existing CCTV cameras in the High Street and add an additional camera on the Town Hall for the following reasons:

1. To improve visibility and reduce blind spots
2. To better monitor and deter criminal activity.
3. To capture vehicular incidents with increased traffic.
4. To support the economic vitality in Marlborough by helping to keep the public safe.

### **Proposed works**

The new camera would be fitted in the same positions as the existing camera i.e. to the west of the listed façade on modern brickwork at high level. To provide optimum coverage and reduce blind spots this new camera would be mounted on a sympathetically designed black bracket projecting approx. 800mm from the building faces. The design of these brackets is shown in the accompanying Design and Access Statement. The bracket would be fixed into mortar joints in the brickwork where possible and the brackets will hide all cabling.

### **Effect on the Heritage Asset**

The only effect on the Listed Building will be the drilling of holes into the existing brickwork. This brickwork is thought to be from the 20<sup>th</sup> century when the Waitrose store was created and consequently of little historic significance. In any event where possible holes will be drilled into mortar joints rather than bricks. In addition, the location of the camera at high level will minimise any visual impact. Consequently, there will be no significant effect to the building as a heritage asset. No historic fabric is being removed.

### **Justification**

The works are required to improve CCTV coverage of Marlborough High Street in the interests of public safety.

### **Summary**

The works will have no damaging effect on the building as a heritage asset.

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