

Heritage Statement

1. Site Address

17
OXFORD STREET
MALMESBURY
SN16 9AX

2. Is the application site (identify all that are applicable):

Heritage Asset	Yes
A listed building (Grade II, Grade II* or Grade I)	☒
Within a conservation area	☐
A scheduled ancient monument	☐
Within the Westminster World Heritage Site ¹	☐
A registered park or garden	☐
In the setting of or adjacent to one of the above?	☐
Within an archaeological priority area ²	☐
A non-designated heritage asset	☐

3. In each case where you have answered yes in 2 above, please identify the asset and its heritage designation (i.e. the grade of listed building, conservation area name etc)

Statutory Address: 17, OXFORD STREET
Listed Building Grade II
List Entry Number: **1269266**

4. The significance of the heritage asset(s)

What makes the heritage asset(s) special? Please describe each asset, including its age, architectural style, materials, features of interest, history etc and how these contribute to significance. If the building is listed, this may include both internal and external features. Where appropriate, you should also identify contribution of setting to significance.

Photographs, archival materials (such as historic plans) may assist with this and should be appended, where relevant.

No. 17 Oxford Street is a Grade II listed building, listed on 1 July 1976.

The National Heritage List for England describes the building as:

"Pair of houses, now one. Late C18 with probable earlier origins, unified mid C19. Roughcast limestone rubble with brick gable stacks. Double-depth plan. Two storeys and attic."

The principal significance of the building derives from:

- Its survival as a late eighteenth-century building with possible earlier origins.
- The historic limestone rubble construction and roughcast external finishes.
- The mid-nineteenth-century alterations which unified the former pair of houses.
- Its contribution to the historic streetscape and character of Oxford Street within Malmesbury.
- Historic architectural features including sash windows, doorway surrounds and traditional building fabric.

The building's designation is principally derived from its external architectural appearance and historic fabric.

5. The proposed works

What works are you planning to do to the heritage asset or the surrounding area? For listed buildings, please include both internal and external works, if relevant.

The proposed works comprise the provision of a new fibre telecommunications connection to serve the building.

External Works

A new fibre cable will be routed from the telecommunications network within Oxford Street to the building elevation.

The cable will:

- Utilise an existing PVC duct route located on the perimeter wall outside No. 19 Oxford Street.
- Be externally mounted against the building elevation.
- Be secured using small cable cleats.
- Consist of a black telecommunications cable of minimal diameter.

- Follow a discreet route along the exterior wall.

The cable will enter the building through a single small drilled penetration located beneath the ground-floor window on the principal elevation.

Immediately inside the building the cable will terminate within a small fibre distribution/connection box (DCB).

Internal Works

From the DCB, a white internal fibre cable will be routed approximately 10 metres through the reception area.

The cable will:

- Follow the route of existing modern service cables.
- Be run at skirting level and adjacent to existing modern services where possible.
- Require no removal of historic fabric.
- Terminate at a network termination equipment unit (1U NTE) positioned beneath an existing desk within the reception area.

6. Impact on significance

How will the proposals impact on the significance of the heritage asset(s) and/or their settings? Please discuss the impact of the proposals including for example impact on architectural detail, historic fabric, plan form, change of relationship with neighbouring buildings etc. What is the impact on views, the character or townscape of the wider area? Explain how have any harmful impacts been avoided or mitigated, including alternative options considered? Where harm is identified, what is the level of harm (substantial or less than substantial)?

The historical information of the building has been viewed under the listed details on the Historic England website. Given the details provided and the minor nature of the works, this proposal appears to have minimal/no impact on the architectural and historic significance of this listed building.

External Impact

The external element of the proposal introduces a single telecommunications cable fixed to the wall surface together with one small penetration through the external wall.

The cable is of limited diameter and will be coloured black, minimising impact with architectural features.

The route has been selected to minimise visibility and avoid disruption to significant architectural elements such as:

- Window surrounds.
- Door surrounds.
- Historic openings.
- Decorative architectural detailing.

The cable will be fixed using small cable cleats requiring only limited interventions into the external wall fabric.

The drilled entry point is small, localised and capable of being readily made good in the future if the telecommunications service is removed.

Accordingly, the impact upon the listed building's external appearance and architectural significance is considered negligible.

Internal Impact

The internal works are similarly limited in scope.

The proposed DCB and fibre cable represent modern service infrastructure which will be located within the reception area and routed alongside existing services. The installation avoids significant historic architectural features and does not require the removal or alteration of historic joinery, plasterwork, flooring or other historic fabric.

The fibre cable is lightweight, surface mounted and fully reversible.

The 1U NTE will be located on an existing desk and therefore will have no meaningful effect on the special architectural or historic interest of the building.

Consequently, the internal works are considered to have no adverse impact upon the significance of the listed building.

Reversibility

An important consideration in assessing impact is the reversible nature of the proposal.

Should the installation no longer be required in the future:

- The fibre cable can be removed.
- The DCB and NTE can be detached.

Cleat fixing points can be repaired.
The small wall penetration can be filled and made good.

As such, the works will not result in any permanent loss of significant historic fabric.

7. Enhancement and Public Benefits (where applicable)

Please describe how the proposals have been designed to enhance or better reveal the significance of the asset e.g. removal of later unsympathetic alteration. Where harm is identified, will there be any public benefit as a result of the works?

The proposed fibre cabling works do not provide any direct enhancement to the significance of the asset but will add a functional improvement to the internal infrastructure of the building.

8. Other

Use this space to provide any other useful information, for example details of relevant planning history and consultation undertaken or links to other relevant information and statements submitted, including your sustainable design statement.

N/A