

HERITAGE/DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

THE CROWN HOTEL

CARFAX

HORSHAM

RH12 1DW

Introduction:

This Design & Access Statement seeks to meet the documentary requirements of the current NPPF, for buildings located within a Conservation Area and for buildings having a grade listing. It has been submitted to assess the interest of the application site to justify the proposed works in terms of their impact on the heritage asset identified. The statement assesses the nature, extent and importance of the significance of the asset and its setting to allow the impact of the proposed works on that significance and setting to be properly assessed by the local planning authority.

Existing Elevation



Proposed Elevation



THE PROPOSAL

Installation of replacement signs to the exterior of the building to include 1x pictorial projecting sign, 3x sets of individual house name letters, 2x door plaques, 2x menu cases, 7x brass lanterns, 8x floodlights, 2x amenity boards, 2x CCTV signs, (Painting of the building by others)

The proposed signs are to replace the existing signs which due to age and condition do not reflex the high standards of a Greene King pub/restaurant. All existing signs will be removed and any fixing holes made good before the building is repainted by the main contractor. Ashleigh Signs would then install the replacement signs as shown on Drawing 202498 THE CROWN. The signs have been designed to enhance the buildings special features and any illumination will be warm white and directed down onto the building or signage to prevent any light spillage

History and Heritage

Details

CARFAX 1. 1236 (South Side) No 7 (The Crown Inn) TQ 1730 1/28 20.5.49. II GV 2. Late C18 or early C19. L- shaped block of which the east wing, though contemporary, has a lower elevation. 2 storeys. 3 windows facing north-west and 3 facing north-east. Painted roughcast with plaster below ground floor stringcourse. Hipped slate roofs. Eaves cornice. 2 bays of 3 lights on both floors facing north-west and 3 facing north- east. All sash windows glazing bars intact. Doorway on each front with fluted half-columns and rusticated arch, semi-circular fanlight and 6-panel moulded door. The east wing has an additional rusticated doorway and one plain round-headed one. Late C19 wing added to south-west. Nos 4 to 7 (consec) and No 36 form a group with Nos 9, 9A, 9B and 10 Middle Street.

Listing NGR: TQ1721430562

The Crown has occupied its position in the Carfax since 1805, it is Grade II listed by English Heritage. Prior to that it was situated where Lloyds TSB is in West Street. The Crown has a historical record being mentioned in 1744. A sewer was laid between the gaol (opposite Waitrose) and The Crown on the corner of West Street. The Crown underwent a considerable refit in June 2007 and can now be seen, of an evening, bathed in green light. The main photograph shows the scaffolding which was erected during the first tour of the Ferris Wheel.

The Crown once provided hotel and dining room facilities. This was revealed on the chimney breast at the rear behind the once-dishevelled 'The Crown' signage. With the sun at the right angle the text is just about legible; wines & spirits, hotel & dining rooms.

A close inspection of the aerial view reveals that The Crown is comprised of more than one building, as confirmed by English Heritage's listing description. By zooming in on the view from Google Maps, it is clear that there are four buildings; three making up the Carfax frontage. A fourth, square, building fills in the gap and forms the boundary into Crown Alley.

English Heritage refers to the building as The Crown Inn although their photograph, taken in 2001, shows it as just The Crown. As recently as 1960 it was called The Crown Hotel

Conclusion:

The proposal is to considered to be minimal and cause no adverse harm to the asset and surrounding Area which would be preserved. The proposals are therefore considered to meet the objectives of the NPPF concerning development in an historic context and meet the requirements of relevant local planning policy.