HIGHFIELD FUNERAL SERVICES **REF: 1031/03**

ADDRESS: 144 TRINITY STREET, HUDDERSFIELD

HERITAGE STATEMENT **31 MARCH 2017**

LISTING

The above property was listed Grade II on 29 September 1978.

The listing refers to an Early or Mid-19 Century Ashlar faced property with a hipped stone slate roof, 2 storeys with moulded eaves cornice. Banding and 7 ranges of sash windows with glazing bars. One window range in end elevation with door in moulded stone frame with segmental pediment.

GENERAL

In addition to the above listing description, the building also has a full height basement covering the footprint of the building. The basement has windows, with arched, Ashlar heads visible above ground level, with individual light wells extending down to cill level.

The building also has a second floor level which extends into the roof space and is lit by rooflights to the front and rear of the building.

The building is used by a funeral director providing full services for the bereaved including services and after funeral family gatherings in a function room on the upper floor.

Current access for people with mobility issues or wheelchair users is via a door to the rear of the building through service areas to the reception area at the front of the building. An entrance porch and steps has been added, previously, to the front of the building.

PROPOSAL

The proposal is to construct a ramped entrance to the front of the building connecting the drive level to the entrance porch.

The ramp would commence adjacent to the stepped entrance to the porch with a half landing on the existing raised terrace, returning back to the side of the entrance porch.

The ramp would be constructed as a pre-cast concrete unit to span from the porch to the terrace, away from the building and clear of the light wells to the basement. The ramp would therefore not physically impact upon the original building fabric.

The sides of the ramp would be faced in Ashlar to complement the existing structure and have metal balustrades with timber handrail to match the handrails to the front of the porch. The surface of the ramp will be natural stone paved.