

HERITAGE STATEMENT FOR
RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION
FOR THE SITING OF OUTDOOR FURNITURE
ADJACENT 4-6 MACAULAY STREET
HUDDERSFIELD

4-6 Macaulay Street is a Grade II listed building in Huddersfield Town centre. The building was listed on the 29th of September 1978.

The majority of Macaulay Street was mostly lost during the construction of the Ring Road and the redevelopment of the south-west part of the town. Macaulay Street used to connect Manchester Street to the Upper Head Row, which now provides the main pedestrian access route from the Bus Station to Market Street. Some of the properties on the Northern side of the street survived the re-development; the Plumbers Arms – being 1 of these.

Johnny Henry Rogers a legendary former rugby league player with Fartown was a licensee of the Plumbers Arms for three years up until the time of his death in July 1958.

The building lies outside the Huddersfield Conservation area. There are 3 other Grade II listed buildings in nearby Threadneedle Street and Dundas Street.

MACULAY STREET 1. 5113 (North Side) The Plumbers Arms SE 1416 NW 1/882 II 2. Late C18 or early C19. Hammer- dressed stone. Pitched stone slate roof. 3 storeys. Stone brackets to gutter. 2 ranges of tripartite stone mullioned sashes, central lintel higher than the other 2. 2 ranges of sashes. One door with 6 moulded panels and fanlight. Rear has 4 ranges of 3– light stone mullioned casements. English Heritage ID:340207

Despite an in depth search of records, the architect and subsequent builder of the property is unknown.

The small section that remains of Macaulay Street is pedestrianised. A small outside seating area is located to the south west (front) of the building, which has a number of benches located around a circular block paved feature. This is a popular area in summer for many people, both young and old.

The ground floor of 6 Macaulay Street has long since been home to the Plumber Arms, a thriving public house in difficult times within the trade and area. 4 Macaulay Street is currently undergoing works to create a Gin Bar.

My client who bought 4-6 Macaulay Street in 2014, has located some non-permanent furniture on council owned land to the front of his building. The furniture consists of 10no. (1.865m x 1.695m) wooden benches, 7no steel tables (0.7m dia.). There are also 7no timber barriers incorporating planters located either side of the main thoroughfare to and from the bus station, which is in excess of 4.0m wide.

Please refer to the accompanying drawing for reference for the exact siting of the above furniture.

Conclusion

In view of Government guidelines for social distancing due to Covid 19 my client seeks retrospective planning for the above furniture. The tables are of quality design and manufacture and are substantial enough not be blown away by the strong south west wind which occurs frequently. However the furniture is not permanent and can be moved.