

Design and Access Statement

Alterations to Commercial Properties (Listed Building and in a Conservation Area)

Proposal:

To affix a circular, cast-aluminium, commemorative plaque to the exterior of Holmfirth Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 3AS

1. What **features** are on the existing site?



Grade 2 listed, - Civic Hall, Boundary Wall and Gate Piers are all listed. 1842. Ashlar. Flat roof with moulded eaves cornice and blocking course. Two storeys. South-east elevation: 3 central bays of tall windows, with glazing bars, to each floor, the upper floor having stone surrounds and set in shallow recessed panels. Between floors is deep ashlar string course. To each side of central part of side wings of one bay which breaks forward and has a single light to each floor. Two entrances: one to inside of each projecting wing. North-east elevation: ground floor has 5 blind window openings. First floor has tall, central, 3-light window with moulded decoration. Boundary wall returns to building. Two massive, square ashlar corner posts with moulded caps. Two similar gate piers with iron overthrow.

2. Please provide details of how **access** issues will be addressed

The affixing of the plaque should have no impact on access to the Civic Hall.

3. Please provide details of the layout of proposed development

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4. Please provide details of the layout of the scale/appearance of the proposed development



The plaque has a diameter of 14"



The intention is to affix the plaque in the mortar joints as shown at about two metres height at the place on the wall shown.

5. Please provide details of the **landscaping** in the proposed development

The affixing of the plaque should have no impact on the landscaping of the Civic Hall.

6. Please provide details of how Heritage Assets issues have been addressed

Heritage Assets/Significance

The property is grade II listed in the Holmfirth conservation area. We hope that the plaque is in keeping with the aspect of the building and its history. The plaque announces and commemorates that the Civic Hall is an important heritage asset which the Parish Council has preserved for the community.

Impact

There is no impact other than the 14" diameter plaque. We will endeavour to use the mortar joints to affix the plaque.

Overall, we hope that the plaque will reflect and improve the significance of the heritage asset both in terms of the special character of the listed building and in its contribution to the character of the conservation area.