

Heritage Statement

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

Site name: Holmfirth Civic Hall

Address of site: Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 3AS

Assessment of significance

- Holmfirth Civic Hall, formerly the Town Hall, within Holmfirth conservation area; it was paid for by public subscription
- Grade II
- 1842
- From the Leeds Intelligencer of 1842 *"This truly splendid building is rapidly approaching completion, and must assuredly prove a great acquisition to the neighbourhood. A suitable place in which to transact public business, hold public meetings, lectures, &c., has long been wanted in Holmfirth."*
- 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. Flat roof with moulded eaves cornice and blocking 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. Name and character of the conservation area (if relevant)
- The Civic Hall is an important community asset to Holmfirth and the Holme Valley
- Street-facing front of the Hall by the main entrance

Heritage impact assessment

- The 14" plaque will have limited impact on the conservation area
- We hope that the plaque will enhance the physical appearance of the heritage asset and will signify the assets importance to the community
- The proposal will impact minimally upon the heritage asset; we will endeavour to fix the plaque using the mortar joints, not using the stone work

Justification

- Holme Valley Parish Council wants to commemorate the transfer of ownership of the Civic Hall to the Parish Council on behalf of the people of the Holme Valley