

Design and Access Statement

Dundas Street is a trafficked one-way street within the heart of the Huddersfield Town Centre. It is lined by Sainsburys supermarket on its northern side and a number of grade 2 listed historically architectural buildings on its southern side.

The footways along Dundas Street are made up of several different materials which are in a poor state of repair and are a substandard width for pedestrian usage, especially the most vulnerable. The footways are also level with the carriageway allowing vehicle overrun, reducing the width of the footways down further and putting pedestrians in line with live traffic. Both sides of Dundas St have parking for pay and display as well as loading and a taxi rank for 2 taxis.

The historical buildings have several original external features such as stone steps, wrought iron railings and stone surround cellar lights.

At the beginning of 2022, Dundas Street is due to undergo a full regeneration scheme. Under the Huddersfield Town Centre design framework, Dundas Street has been classed as a gold standard street due to its listed, architecturally historical buildings. Gold standard meaning that all materials used on the street must be those of the highest quality to fit in with the architecture of the buildings. The footways will be widened and raised to provide a safer, more accessible environment for pedestrians and vulnerable road users. Parking along the street will be reduced and transformed into parking laybys and the introduction of trees as well as new street lighting will be provided.

The stone steps that front the property of No. 5-9 Dundas Street were originally installed to access a doorway into the building. Since then, the doorway has been transformed into a window (believed to be sometime mid C20th) thus leaving the stone steps redundant and no longer retaining any purpose.

The stone steps as they are now make a limited contribution to the significance of the building and the streetscape. As the stone steps do not form an integral aspect of the building itself and are free standing, the removal of them would be not cause any damage to the original frontage of the building. Any superficial scaring to the original stonework would be easily restored during remedial works.

The removal of the stone steps would also contribute to the added width of the regenerated footways which will also remove any unnecessary obstacles for those who are visually impaired and other vulnerable road users. It would also remove the potential for any anti-social behaviour or loitering to take place.