

Heritage Statement

Ref: 2025/90021, 22-34, John William street

The building is in a conservation area, currently used as a retail. This statement is provided to show the analysis of the historic fabric so as to ensure that historically important areas of the site are preserved and enhanced as part of the proposal.

The application site is a medium sized E (a) retail unit which is triple storey in height located within a parade of commercial businesses.

The building is located within a conservation area. The existing functioning will be changed to the proposed E (b) restaurant with ancillary takeaway. The existing shopfront was installed in Late 60's and does not represent central location of door of transoms and mullions. Existing shopfront will be changed to Aluminium Black powder coated frames and we have created the door to be central.

The current condition of the building visually and structurally is in good condition, with ornate stone surrounds around the windows to the first and second floor, which is common in the area.

Properties adjacent to the site have a more ornate and historical appearance with quoin stone stack detailing to the corners and stone window heads and cills.

The historical importance of this building and the area due to its age and layout cannot be underestimated. The proposed change of use will not impact the shopfront as structurally it would remain the same with the ornate detailing retained and the shopfront to be re-painted which will bring a fresh and modern appearance to the elevation and reflect the stone detailing and features common in the area. Overview

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II*

List Entry Number: 1213612

Date first listed: 29-Sep-1978

Statutory Address: 22-34, JOHN WILLIAM STREET

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Location

Statutory Address: 22-34, JOHN WILLIAM STREET

The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority)

National Grid Reference: SE 14473 16884

Details

JOHN WILLIAM STREET 1. 5113 (East Side) 22-34 John Willian Street SE 1416 NW 1/65 II* GV 2. 1853. Architect J P Postchett. Ashlar sandstone. Hipped slate roof. 3 storeys. Composed with rounded and pavilions, central pavilion breaking forward and a central frontispiece. This has coupled columns on each floor (attached Tuscan on ground floor, detached composite above), taking pediment and parapet with entablature, paired pilasters, and giant free-standing coade stone statue of lion by Seeley. The corners of each pavilion are marked on 1st floor by paired attached composite columns (outer ones square), as is the central pavilion alone on the 2nd floor also. The 1st floor also has paired attached composite columns in middle of wall between each pavilion, and 2 single columns spaced regularly round curve of end pavilions. On St Peter's Street elevation there are 3 pairs of Tuscan pilasters, one at corner with Wood Street and 2 others flanking central group of windows. Ground floor has modern shopfronts separated by rusticated and vermiculated pilasters, arched central doorway with moulded voussoirs and imposts, and keystone with dragon and crown inscribed. Dentilled cornice. On Northumberland Street elevation a mezzanine is inserted below ground floor cornice, consisting of sashes framed by Tuscan pilasters according to the following rhythm: major pilaster-3-major pilaster-1-minor pilaster-1-minor pilaster-1-major pilaster-3-major pilaster. 1st floor has full entablature which breaks forward and is dentilled over each pair of columns, and the windows of the frontispiece are provided with a stone balcony on paired scrolled consoles. Windows are round-arched sashes with moulded voussoirs, and are separated by Ionic colonnettes: they are grouped in the following rhythm, Northumberland Street elevation: 1-1-1-2 (crowned by pediment) -1-1-1. End pavilion: 2-3-2. St George's Square elevation: 4-4. Central pavilion: 4-3 (central one slightly wider and higher) -4. St George's Square elevation (cont): 4-4. End pavilion: 2-3-2. St Peter's elevation: 2-1-2-1-2. 2nd floor has modillioned entablature, save at end pavilions where modillions become consoles. Fenestration is same as 1st floor, save on St George's Square elevation where grouping is as follows: 2-1-2-2-1-2-2-1-2. Some semblance of order is given to this otherwise chaotic design, but only above the eaves cornice. Here the end pavilions have a solid parapet with cornice, piers with ornamental caps and huge flanking ornamental scrolls, while central pavilion has balustrade with moulded rail, pairs of square Tuscan columns with ornamental caps at ends, and square Ionic balusters. Over the frontispiece comes the parapet with "1853" in relief and the lion on top.

Listing NGR: SE1447316884

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Legal

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

The proposed changes will provide a visually attractive elevation and provide views in and out. The shop front will remain the same with the large glazed windows which will provide light into the customer seating area creating a fresh open appearance and providing views out.

The proposed changes will not affect the building structurally, therefore retaining any ornate detailing.

The changes will add as a positive feature to the elevation and help regenerate the building providing a fresh appearance within a prominent city centre location.

There will be a grill to the rear elevation for air intake and extraction.