

Heritage Statement

Proposed Fire Alarm Installation Works — Works Not Yet Commenced

11 Devonshire Street, Huddersfield, HD1 3TR

Introduction

This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of an application for Listed Building Consent for the proposed installation of fire alarm cabling associated with a communal fire alarm system at 11 Devonshire Street, Huddersfield.

For clarity, the works described in this statement have not yet been undertaken. The statement relates to proposed works only and is intended to accompany the application for consent before any installation takes place.

The proposed works would improve fire safety provisions within the building and would support the recommendations arising from fire risk assessments. The objective of the proposed installation is to ensure the safety of residents whilst preserving the building's historic and architectural significance.

Significance of the Building

The property is a listed building and forms part of the historic character of Devonshire Street. The building possesses architectural and historic interest through its age, design and contribution to the wider streetscape.

The significance of the building is derived from its external appearance, historic fabric and its contribution to the heritage value of the surrounding area.

Proposed Works Not Yet Undertaken

The proposed works comprise the installation of fire alarm cabling to serve residential accommodation within the building. In limited locations, small sections of surface-mounted trunking may be required externally to provide a practical and compliant route for the fire alarm system.

The extent of the external trunking will be kept to the minimum necessary to achieve the required fire safety standard and maintain system functionality.

Impact on Heritage Significance

The proposed works are considered to have a low level of impact on the significance of the listed building.

No structural alterations are proposed, and there would be no loss of significant historic fabric. The installation would be designed to utilise the most discreet routes available, minimising visual impact wherever practicable.

Any external trunking would be limited in size and extent and located sensitively to reduce its prominence within views of the building. The works would be reversible,

meaning that the cabling and trunking could be removed in the future without causing permanent harm to the historic fabric of the property.

Justification and Mitigation

The proposed installation would be necessary to enhance life safety for residents and to support fire safety management within the building.

Every effort would be made to balance the need for modern fire safety measures with the preservation of the building's special architectural and historic interest. The routing of cables would be carefully considered to minimise intervention, avoid unnecessary fixing into historic materials and reduce visual impact.

Conclusion

The proposed fire alarm installation would represent a proportionate and sensitive intervention that would provide important fire safety benefits while preserving the special interest of the listed building. The works would be limited in scope, largely reversible and designed to minimise any impact on the historic character of the property.

Accordingly, it is considered that the proposed works would result in no significant harm to the heritage significance of the listed building and should be supported.