

HERITAGE STATEMENT

37 John William Street, Huddersfield

1. Introduction and scope

This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of an application concerning 37 John William Street, Huddersfield.

The property forms part of the Grade II listed building known as 17–37 John William Street (National Heritage List for England entry no. 1313914). The application proposals are:

- installation of a replacement shopfront, as shown on the submitted plans; and
- decorative works to the interior.

No changes to the internal layout are proposed. The interior was previously formed as a restaurant by the previous tenant, as advised by the applicant.

This statement describes the building's significance and considers the proposals based on the information available and the submitted plans. It does not independently verify the applicant's account of the former shopfront's condition.

2. The building and its significance

The property is part of a mid-19th-century commercial terrace on John William Street. The Historic England list entry describes the terrace as a high-quality neoclassical commercial building associated with Huddersfield's planned New Town development and the Ramsden Estate. It also identifies the group value of the terrace and nearby listed buildings.

The principal heritage interest relevant to this application is the building's sandstone street frontage, its place within the historic commercial terrace, and the appearance and detailing of its ground-floor shopfront.

Historic England's list entry specifically records that No. 37 featured a 1930s shopfront with a canted return towards St Peter's Street and Art Deco glazing in the transom lights. This description establishes the former shopfront as a feature of heritage interest.

Source: Historic England, National Heritage List for England, "17 to 37 John William Street", Grade II, List Entry No. 1313914.

3. Background to the former shopfront

The former shopfront has been removed. The applicant has informed the author that water damage had destroyed the Art Deco glass before the shopfront was removed. The author has not independently verified this account and does not present it as an independently established fact.

The application seeks approval for a replacement shopfront, shown on the submitted plans. The heritage assessment of the proposed replacement should therefore be read alongside those plans and any associated specifications.

4. Proposed works

External works

The external works for consideration are limited to the replacement shopfront shown on the submitted application drawings.

Internal works

The internal works are limited to decoration. No changes to the existing layout or to the internal arrangement formed for the previous restaurant use are proposed.

5. Assessment of heritage impact

The former shopfront was a feature identified in the Historic England list entry. Its removal represents a change to the appearance of the ground floor. The applicant's account is that the Art Deco glass had been destroyed by water damage before removal; this account has not been independently verified by the author.

The effect of the proposed replacement shopfront should be assessed by reference to its design, materials, proportions, colour and detailing as shown in the submitted plans and supporting information. The assessment should also take account of the shopfront's relationship to the historic sandstone frontage and the wider listed terrace.

The proposed internal works are decorative only. As no internal layout changes are proposed, the application does not include alterations to the existing restaurant arrangement.

6. Conclusion

This application concerns a replacement shopfront and internal decorative works at 37 John William Street. No internal layout changes are proposed.

The property forms part of a Grade II listed commercial terrace, and the former shopfront at No. 37 is identified in the list entry as having included Art Deco transom glazing. The applicant has stated that water damage destroyed the glass before the shopfront was removed; the author has not independently verified that information.

The proposed replacement shopfront is shown on the submitted plans. Its effect on the building's special architectural and historic interest should be considered against those

drawings and any accompanying specifications. The internal decorative works, as described, do not involve changes to the layout.