# Heritage and Impact Statement Statement

# THE GUILDHALL LOWER FORE STREET SALTASH

Note : descriptions of the use of the Guildhall are based on pre-pandemic use as the building is not, in order to comply with Government guide lines, currently in use on a regular basis. It is intended that, when the pandemic is over, uses of the building will return to those as described.

The existing premises are in use both as the base for Saltash Town Council and for hire by the public. The building is described by *‘British Listed Buildings’* and refers to general construction ‘*brick, timber framed and plastered under a slate roof’* It goes on to note the ‘*sliding sash windows with round heads and projecting keystones’.* The ground floor was originally open, with the first floor supported on by granite Doric columns. A portico porch to the west elevation has granite columns and there are plain pilasters to sides. There are a number of other architectural features including the horizontal friezes and architraves. It is thought that the original parts of the building date back to the late 18thC.

Lower Fore Street – re-named from ‘Fore Street’ following development of the shopping areas post war – leads from the town centre down to the River Tamar. It has a large number of historic buildings of varying ages although a number were demolished to facilitate the building of the Tamar Bridge, opened in 1962. The proposals will not impact on the street scene as the proposed light fittings are only 45mm x 50mm in section and will be secured by small metal brackets sat on one of the architectural horizontal architraves approximately 3.5m-4.5m above local ground levels. Details of the lighting units are enclosed with the planning application.

The two elevations concerned with the proposed new lighting – north and west – are those that are primarily seen by passers-by. The east and south elevations have little architectural merit and are hidden on elevations with walls and buildings close by.

The light fittings will be sited so as to ‘wash’ upwards on the north and west elevations. They have LED lamps within the units and have a matt black case. Electrical wiring will be hidden either by the fittings themselves or, in the areas between fittings, by discreet black cabling.