

Heritage Statement

17 George Street, YO1 9QA

The property is within York city walls and in the central York Central Historic Core conservation area.

The listing is as follows:

Terrace of houses. c1845. Orange-cream brick, front in Flemish bond, rear in English garden wall bond; doorcases, guttering and eaves frieze of timber; brick stacks to slate roof. EXTERIOR: 2-storey 7-window front. Pilastered doorcases with moulded modillion cornices have doors of 4 sunk panels beneath divided overlights and moulded stone doorsteps. Windows on both floors are 12-pane sashes with painted stone sills and flat arches of gauged brick. Eaves guttering on timber modillions with tapered and faceted rainwater head to each pair of houses. Each house has stone bootscraper block to left of door. Reset parish boundary stone over door to No.27, with incised words: ST MARGARET'S PARISH. Rear: 1-storey wings project at right angles. Rear windows of main range are 12-pane sashes: some houses have flat-topped dormers with 2-light windows, some skylights. INTERIORS: not inspected. (City of York: RCHME: The Central Area: HMSO: 1981-: 135).

The property is part of a row of early Victorian terrace houses 15-25 George Street built about 1845 and listed in 1983. The surrounding streets are largely 20/21st century buildings but also comprise of many older properties on Walmgate.

The street goes from Walmgate at one end to Fishergate Bar at the other. The buildings in the street and area are very mixed in age, style and use. It is largely residential but also includes cafés/restaurants at the Walmgate end of the street, and further in the other direction, offices, car parks, a church a social club and a pub. Walmgate is a busy pedestrian route and has a variety of small shops, cafés, restaurants, sheltered accommodation, private and student residences, The Early Music Centre nearby behind Walmgate, is the converted St Margaret's Church to which the inscription above no. 27 George Street 'St Margaret's Parish' refers. The ancient church of St Denys is also nearby. Although George Street is not as busy as Walmgate, it still has a steady stream of pedestrians and cars.

The back of the property overlooks a car park for the Indigo Hotel on Walmgate and behind that is the back of St Edmunds House, a converted primary school which now houses offices. The next road behind George St is Margaret St which is beyond both the Indigo car park and the offices.

The new proposal is a variation to plans approved 2018, (18/01246/LBC). There is no proposed change to the outside of the building, except perhaps to complete the approved exterior plumbing. The proposal is to change the proposed placement of the toilet and washbasin to a different location within the downstairs understairs cupboard. This new placement will mean there will be less interior plumbing as the toilet will be placed against the back wall rather than be plumbed to a more interior position in the understairs cupboard.