

# Heritage/Design & Access Statement

The British Flag

Harwich

CO12 3DD

## **Introduction:**

This Heritage Statement seeks to meet the documentary requirements of the current NPPF, for buildings located within a Conservation Area and for buildings having a grade listing. It has been submitted to assess the interest of the application site to justify the proposed works in terms of their impact on the heritage asset identified. The statement assesses the nature, extent and importance of the significance of the asset and its setting to allow the impact of the proposed works on that significance and setting to be properly assessed by the local planning authority.

## **General heritage significance/nature of the asset:**

Details

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TM2532NE WEST STREET 609-1/1/151 (North East side) 20/06/72 The British Flag Public House GV II

Public house and flat. Late C18 or early C19. Red Flemish-bond brick front and clay plain tile gabled roof to front range. 2 storeys, attics and cellars and of 'L' plan form. EXTERIOR: front has 2 flat-roofed dormers with 2-light small paned casements. Boxed and eaves cornice gutter and 2 flush square double-hung sash windows with small panes and moulded surrounds on first floor each with slightly curved rubbed brick arches. Ground floor has C19 public house front with canted-out fascia and blindbox. One shop window-like element with projecting fascia and 2 lights. Adjoining glazed entrance door with thin reeded jambs and raised-and-fielded panel in lower half. Southern part of facade has a C20 window and window/door unit similar to above. The Currents Lane elevation is pebbledashed and of 2 storeys with clay pantiled roof and large central ridgeline stack. Beyond this a painted brick former cottage with Welsh slate roof, gabled to NE and hipped to SW. This has central door opening with rectangular fanlight and segmental-arched head and 2 recessed double-hung sash windows with single vertical glazing bar on first floor.

Listing NGR: TM2599832610

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTOY

It is highly probable that prior to 1873 the premises were a beerhouse under the terms of the 1830 licensing act which made it very easy to open a private house for the consumption of beer, although not spirits and fortified wines. Beer houses were not permitted to open on Sundays and the beer was often served in jugs dispensed directly from the wooden barrels. Such premises were often very profitable and after

explosive growth in the number of such establishments the government clamped down and brought licensing under magisterial control with a new act in 1869.

**Proposed Works:**

The proposal is to replace the signs on a largely like for like basis. The proposed works will enhance the appearance of the building, whilst respecting the history and heritage of the site.

Item 01a The existing pictorial panel would be replaced for new, constructed from timber with applied display would be fitted to the existing gibbet. The trough light would be replaced as the existing

Item 01b The existing pictorial panel would be replaced for new, constructed for timber with applied display would be fitted to the existing gibbet. The existing light fitting would be replaced for a trough light to match Item 01a

Item 02 A replacement name board constructed from timber with applied MDF letters and sign written logo. Illumination would be a replacement trough light in place of the existing.

Item 03 A set of hand sign written text directly onto render to replace the existing amenity board

Item 04 A single sided chalkboard to replace the existing chalk board

Item 05 three replacement brass wall lights

Item 06 Two replacement floodlights

The Exterior of the building would be repainted by others as shown on Drawing 161621

**Impact on the heritage significance/asset:**

These signs have been specifically designed with careful consideration given to the historic fabric, character and setting of the building.

The impact on the building, and wider street scene will be a positive one. The current external decorations and signage look quite old and in need of updating.

**Conclusion:**

The proposal is considered to cause no adverse harm to the Grade II listed property or the surrounding Conservation Area which would be preserved. The proposals are therefore considered to meet the objectives of the NPPF concerning development in an historic context and meet the requirements of relevant local planning policy.