

Front door at 55 West Street, Warwick: Replacement of front door to listed building to return to original design. Design and Access Statement

The property is a grade II listed building¹ located within the conservation area in Warwick town centre.

The front door needs replacing since it is a poor fit and no longer keeps out the weather or the dust/pollution/noise from the road.

This is not an historic door; we know it to have been made and fitted around 1980 before we lived in the house.

The Historic England listing (see footnote) describes the 'Doric pilasters and entablature to the central doorway with oblong fanlight'. The door itself is not mentioned in the listing but, together with the door case, forms a prominent feature on the building's principal elevation.

We would like to take this opportunity to restore the door design to one that is more in keeping with the original age of the building.

Note: Our proposal limits any architectural impact as it ensures the door case, including the fanlight, as listed, would remain unaltered.

Extensive research of the guidance note by The Georgian Group on choosing an appropriate design of door leads us to conclude the following specification would be more in keeping with the age of the property:

- **solid wooden door**
- **with 6 panels**
- **painted grey/green**
- **all door furniture (doorknob, letterbox, knocker etc) to be cast iron, painted black.**

See attached document **Proposed replacement front door design:** sketch of design of replacement door. This has been based on other houses of this date in Warwick, which have front doors of the style we propose. As can be seen from the wider street scene, a range of building styles have survived from previous centuries. We consider that, by restoring the door to its likely original design, the proposal would make a positive impact on the architectural and historic setting in this part of West Street.

¹ Historic England entry: 1781 WEST STREET (South East Side) No 55 SP 2764 8/258. II GV C18, altered. Red brick, old tiled roof. 2 storeys and attics. Plinth, chamfered quoins, cavetto cornice. 2 gabled casement dormers; 2 sashes with glazing bars, stucco heads and keyblocks. Doric pilasters and entablature to central doorway with oblong fanlight. Modern ground floor casement bay on left.

Nos 49 to 63 (odd) form a group
Listing NGR: SP2793464536



Existing door 1



Front elevation with existing door 1

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Context: wider street scene 1 [Note Historic England listing states these properties form a group]