

Heritage Statement

Replacement Shop Front and Change of Use

At: 4 - 8 Edward Street, Blackpool, FY1 1BA.

For: Blackpool Council
Rev A Description amended 13/07/2021

Introduction

This Heritage Statement forms part of an application for Planning Permission for three replacement shop fronts and first floor façade along with internal works to the existing rear elevation and internally to create three new Live/Work units to 4 - 8 Edward Street, Blackpool, FY1 1BA.

The description of the proposal reads as follows:

“Internal and external alterations to provide three live/work units to include change of use from E(a) to Sui Generis. External alterations to include removal of existing ground floor front elevation shop fronts and pebble-dash render and replacement with timber framed shop fronts and first floor windows with Buttermilk K-Rend at first floor. Works to rear to include installation of UPVC windows and re-render or rear elevations.”

Applications for signage and lighting will be made under separate cover.

This document should be read in conjunction with the following drawings:

- JBA337-PL-14.001 Site Location Plan
- JBA337-PL-14.002 Existing and Proposed Elevations

Background

A £7m project is underway to give some of Blackpool's key roads a facelift to make streets more welcoming and shops more vibrant. The project began in January 2017 with upgrade works to Church Street. The works include resurfacing the roads, improving pavements and crossings, adding more benches, bins and cycle parking.

The second stage of the Quality Corridors project will involve working with local businesses to help them improve their shop fronts, making both their businesses and the town centre look more appealing. The grant scheme will allow businesses in certain areas to bid for money to do the work, with more information on the bidding process to be revealed later in the year.

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The aim of the Quality Corridors Project is to encourage the economic revitalisation of Blackpool town centre through a programme of highways, public realm and building improvement schemes. The programme is jointly funded by the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Blackpool Council and is administered by the Council.

The contribution, imagination and enthusiasm of local businesses and property owners will be vital in maximising the potential of the scheme to achieve both essential and aesthetic property improvements, and an improved range of quality sustainable businesses in the town centre.

4-8 Edward Street is set within the Blackpool Town Centre Conservation Area. The property forms part of a terrace row. It is proposed to remove the existing shop front and create a more traditional façade which is synonymous of a building of this type and age.

The proposed shop fronts will be timber framed, the colour has yet to be confirmed along with the signage which will be submitted under a separate advertisement application.

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