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Heritage Statement

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2c Coronation Walk, Southport PR8 1RE.

This Heritage Statement was prepared in Support of the submission for new signage at 2c Coronation Walk on the leading edge of the verandah frontage and return for Haruns Charcoal Grill

The purpose of this document is to provide an impact assessment of the proposed design.

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1. The Lord Street Conservation Area.

Lord Street Conservation Area was designated in 1973 and was appraised in 2005 and subsequently in 2017. An updated Conservation Area Appraisal for Lord Street, Southport was adopted by the Council on November 16, 2017.

It includes all of the buildings which front onto Lord Street along its full length and extends inland to include the Market Hall on King Street. The Promenade Conservation Area borders it along its length on its north-west side.

The length of Coronation Walk is divided between the Lord Street and Promenade Conservation Areas. 2c Coronation is within the Lord Street Conservation Area.

Coronation Walk is a wide street taking traffic between the Promenade and Lord Street, lined with mainly 20th century buildings. Historically it was a path, from the earliest houses in Southport to the shore. The site is located on the North side of Coronation Walk, constructed 1920-1930 Unit 2C occupies the ground floor to the west of the residential entrance. The proposed signage will be fitted to the leading edge of the existing cantilevered verandah. The verandahs are a defining feature of Lord Street's character, they must be retained and repaired. Verandahs.

2. Context and development of the area.

The Sefton Council Lord Street Conservation Area appraisal 2005 describes the area as follows:

'The area contains a wide variety of buildings dating from the early 19th Century to the late 20th Century and consists of a mixture of shops, offices, leisure facilities, hotels and private dwellings.'

Lord Street is the main street in the town running north-south including mainly shops on the west side, and gardens and public buildings on the east side. Majority of the buildings are fronted by cast iron and glass verandahs with many of these listed.

Lord Street is of fundamental importance in both historic and architectural terms to the character of the town. It is 1 mile (1.6 km) long, with a roundabout at each end. It is decorated with many water features, gardens and architectural monument and features along the entire street, with a mix of residential, commercial and public buildings. It was laid out in the early 19th century. One of the most famous residents of Lord Street was Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte who lived here in exile between 1846 and 1848, before returning to France to become President and subsequently Emperor of the French. During his reign, he rebuilt much of the medieval centre of Paris and replaced it with broad tree-lined boulevards, covered walkways and arcades just like Lord Street.

Verandahs

The verandahs are broadly of two types. The earlier verandahs have columns supporting them and are designed with similar scale features but varying decorative treatments. Columns comprise a base, column and capital and are flanked by spandrel brackets supporting a frieze. Roofs entail narrow glazing bars running perpendicular to the building, glazed with Georgian wired glass.

Later iron canopies on buildings from the 1920-30s often used a cantilevered type of construction as is present at the proposed site, 2c Coronation Walk, at the junction Lord Street with Coronation Walk



3. Description

The site, within Coronation Buildings, is located on the North side of Coronation Walk, constructed 1920-1930. Unit 2C occupies the ground floor to the west of the residential entrance. The proposed signage will be fitted to the leading edge of the existing cantilevered verandah.

The verandahs are a defining feature of Lord Street's character, they must be retained and repaired. The main elevation of this block is Retail at ground floor 3 storey stone facade, with a slate mansard roof to form the 4th floor of accommodation.

This building has the later style, cantilevered verandah with Georgian wired glazed roof, and 370mm deep vertical fascia at the leading edge.

4. Assessment of significance.

The Coronation Walk elevation has an attached glazed veranda. The verandah is an important feature of the Lord Street Conservation Area, and is repeated at many points along this boulevard and side streets like Coronation Walk. The shop fronts themselves to each of the units in this block have been replaced over time, mostly within the last 20 years.

Overall, the elevation of these buildings contribute positively to the Lord Street Conservation Area and are considered of value, the shop unit elevations themselves however are not of historic value and are not in keeping with the original design.

The proposed signage will be viewed only obliquely from Lord Street and on the approach to Lord Street from the Promenade Conservation Area.

With the restrained choice of sign style and font, and the 'off' Lord Street location would be in keeping with the desire for complimentary signage to retain the character of the conservation area whilst positively encouraging the night time economy Southport needs.

5. Proposal assessment.

The proposal impacts only at the leading edge of the verandah and the end of the verandah, perpendicular to Coronation Walk.

The proposed signage is text only and will replace the fascia signage which is black text on a white background with images of food.