



# LECONFIELD ESTATES

## Market Square Showrooms

Dividing the existing single showroom into two separate showrooms

### Heritage Statement

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## **Introduction**

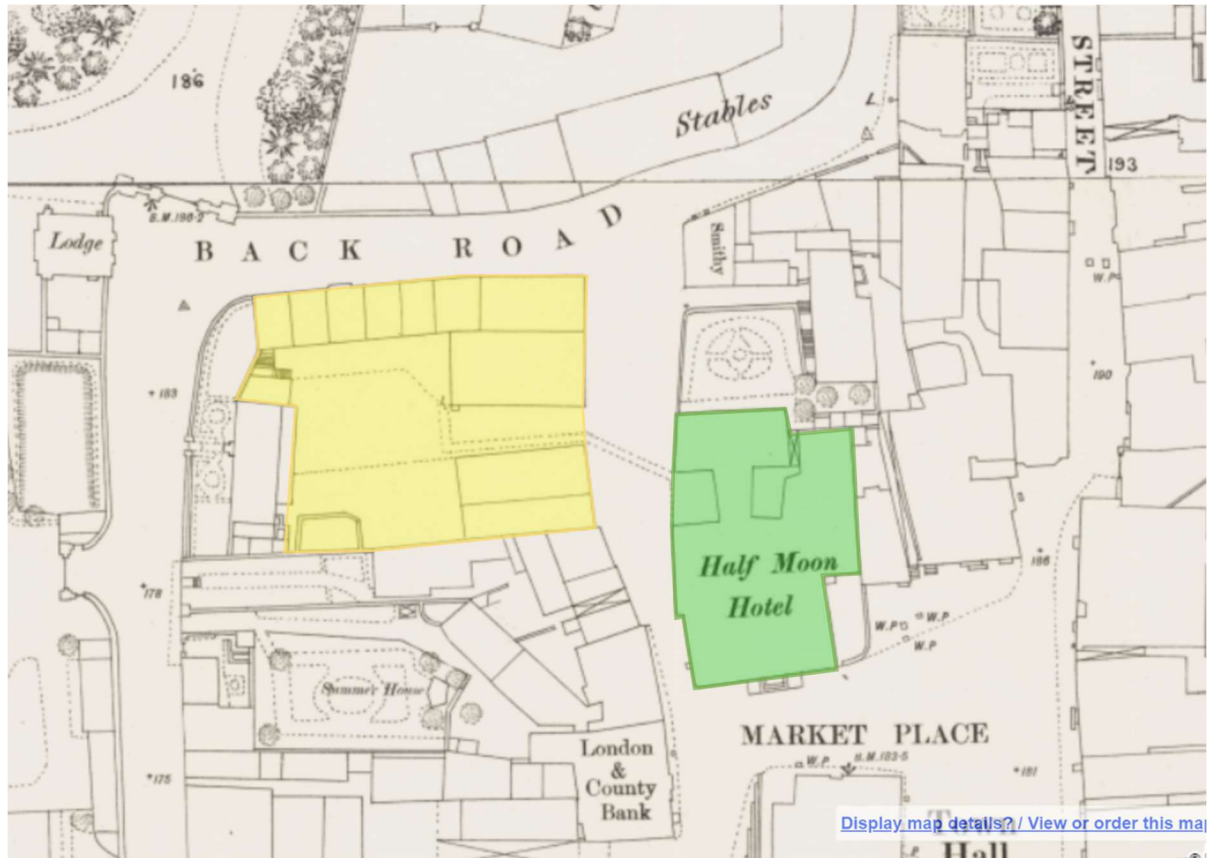
This Heritage Statement has been prepared to accompany a full planning application to divide the existing single showroom into two separate showrooms and create a new entrance from Market Square. Although the current use of the premises will remain unchanged, the additional unit requires a full planning application.

The purpose of the heritage statement is to assess the impact of the proposed works on the historic integrity, fabric and setting of the building within the Conservation Area.

## **History & Heritage Significance**

The site is within the settlement boundary of Petworth Town Centre and in the Petworth Conservation Area. The premises is located on the junction of Park Road (A272) and Market Square Road.

Market Square showroom is on the site of a former stables, coach houses and yard for the Half Moon Inn which use to stand where the old Bank building is in Market Square. Please see historic map on page 3 which shows the yard highlighted in yellow and the Half Moon Inn highlighted in green.

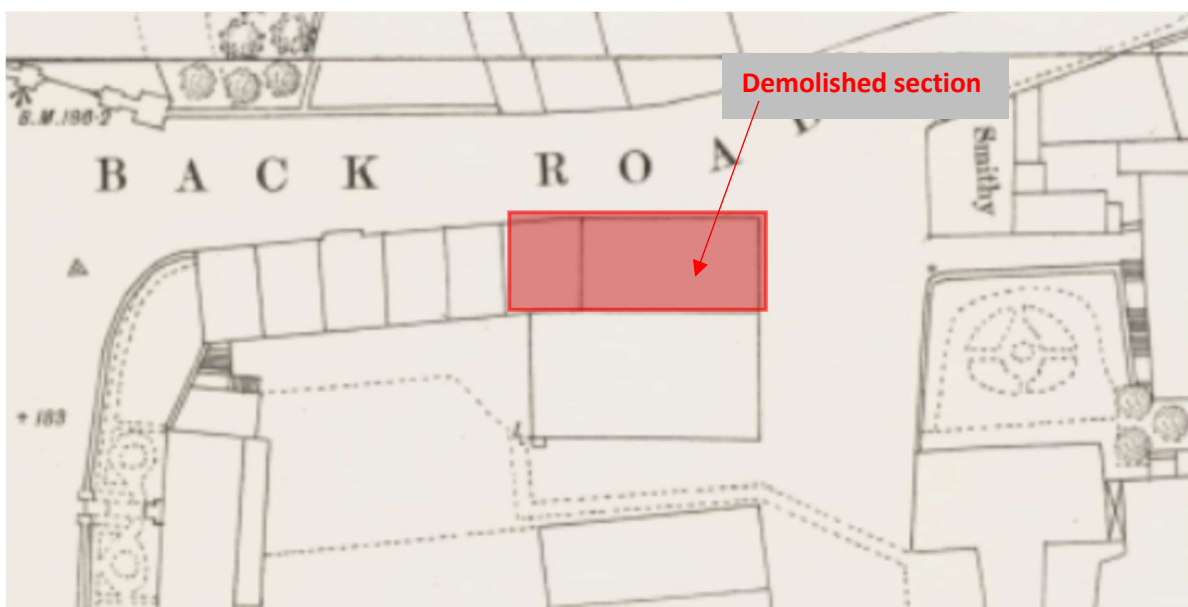


Please see the extract below from the Petworth Society Magazine – March 2004 which gives an interesting insight to the history and importance of the stable yard:

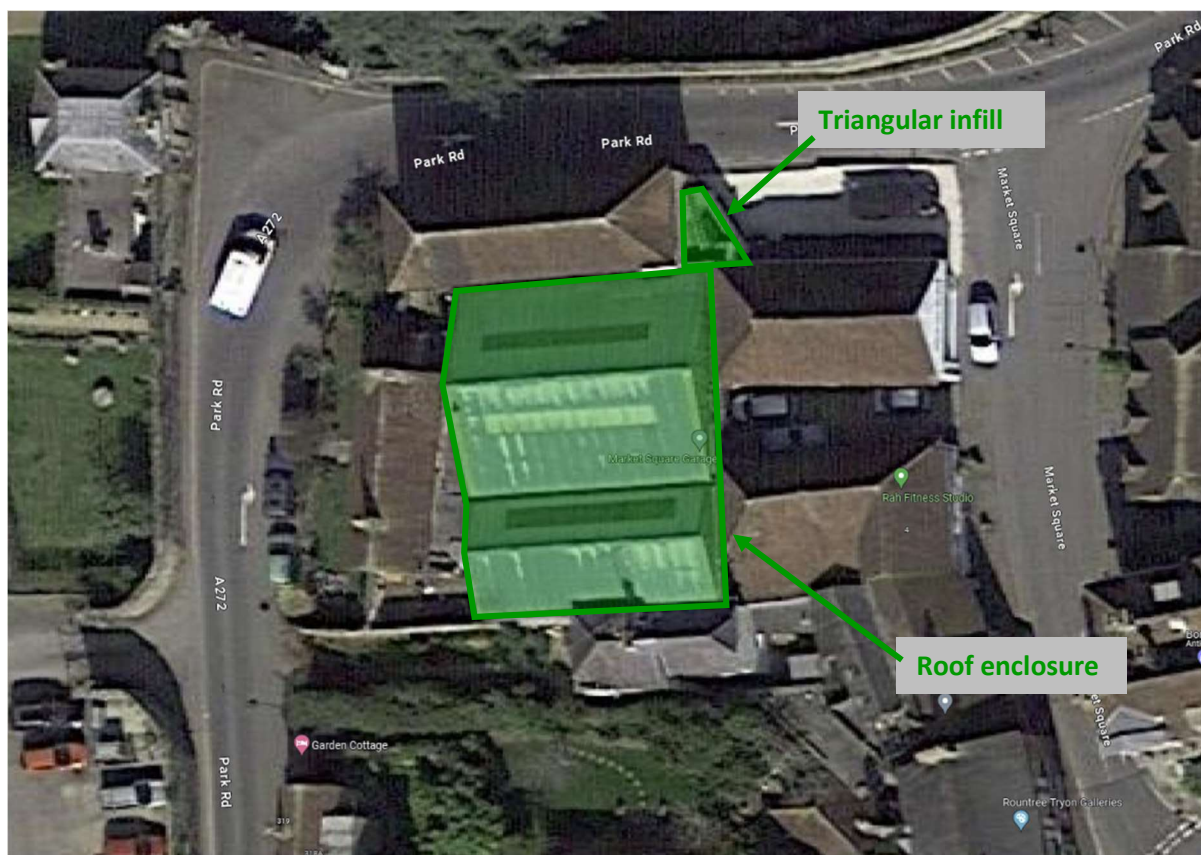
*“The yards and stables had obviously formed an essential part of what was once an important coaching inn. The coming of the railway line to nearby Coultershaw in 1859 had effectively bought an end to the coaching age at Petworth. However the need for local transport continued undiminished and the Half Moon livery stables would remain a significant part of the commercial landscape in Petworth even after the inn itself was demolished. In 1894 there was stabling for twenty-three horses with loosebox accommodation for a further twelve animals. There was, of course, all of the paraphernalia essential to the livery business, a chaff machine and pea store, a harness room with a loft above equipped to provide basic accommodation for the ostlers and travelling grooms.*”

Besides stabling the yard contained a 'large iron water tank, a pigeon house, large manure barrow, fowl house'. A list of carriages included a black and blue lined funeral car, a painted Victoria, a four-wheel pony chaise, a wagonette, a landau, a miniature brougham, a dogcart, a four-wheeled 'bus' capable of carrying up to thirty passengers and a smaller 'bus' to hold fifteen persons. These last two vehicles would no doubt have been used for the regular service that ran between the town and the railway station. Clearly the yard was a busy and thriving enterprise without which the inn could not survive, though perhaps they were too closely linked to stand effectively alone. For despite the yard continuing well into the twentieth century the coming of the internal combustion engine would signal the demise of such livery establishments and many would be replaced by garages serving the needs of the new generation of transport."

In the mid 1900 the stables and coach house were partially demolished as marked in the plan below to make way for a garage forecourt and filling station.



Other additions to the site include the enclosure of the former stable yard which now forms Market Square garage and triangle infill between the existing buildings to create access as shown below in the aerial view below:



The showroom is single storey and of stone construction, the roof has a gable end on the east elevation and hipped on the west elevation and covered with handmade clay tiles. The showroom display windows are located on the north and east elevation with parking for two cars to the north of the showroom.

## Planning History

No previous planning history has been found that relates to Market Square Showroom.

## Assessment of Impact

The proposed alterations and design principles:

- To divide the existing single showroom of 80sqm into two showrooms. The gallery at the west end of the property will form part of the premises to Showroom No.2 shown on the proposed plans please refer to MAKRSS/E&PP/001.
- Create a new double door entrance from Market Square Road for Showroom No.1 and retaining the existing entrance from Park Road for Showroom No.2.
- Vehicle parking at the north of the site will remain unchanged

## Summary

The proposal is a sympathetic and sensitive scheme, the only visual change externally is the new double doors which will be constructed in timber with matching timber profiles to match the existing doors and windows. In conclusion the proposal does not have an adverse impact within the conservation area.