

DESIGN, ACCESS and HERITAGE STATEMENT

WAR MEMORIAL CENTRE, NORTH STREET, HORNCastle, LN9 5DX

The property 'War Memorial Centre' is sited on the corner of North Street and Linden Road Horncastle. The building lies within the northern most edge of the Horncastle Conservation Area and its fair to say contributes positively to the surrounding area.

The building is Grade II listed. The property was first listed on the 6th Nov 1998 with a list entry number of 1386198 for reasons set out below.

TF 26 69 27 69 HORNCastle NORTH STREET (East side) 1499/7/10002 War Memorial Hospital

GV II

Public dispensary with attached railings and gate, converted to cottage hospital. 1866 converted 1924. Designed by Bellamy & Hardy of Lincoln. White brick with ashlar and red brick dressings. Welsh slate hipped roof with tall brick stacks to rear. Street front has projecting central bay topped with blind attic dormer inscribed:-

*PUBLIC DISPENSARY ESTABLISHED 1789 BY EDWARD HARRISON MD ----- PATRON SIR JOSEPH BANKS
KT THIS BUILDING WAS 1866 IN MEMORY OF SIR HY DYMOKE BART A GENEROUS SUPPORTER OF
THIS INSTITUTION*

Decorated with carved impost band ashlar moulded and coped gable and cast iron finials. Central entrance arch has painted round headed arch inscribed: - WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, with carved impost band. Set back to either side single 3-light windows each with round headed ashlar tops, moulded impost and red sandstone mullions. First floor has moulded ashlar cill band with single central window and flanking 3-light windows with moulded round headed ashlar tops, carved imposts and ashlar round mullions. Similar single light round headed windows to returns. To left set back slightly later addition with single plain sash to each floor and pedimented gable. Forecourt bounded by low white brick wall topped with ashlar coping and cast-iron spearhead railings and central gate. INTERIOR retains original windows and doors plus wooden staircase with painted turned balusters and elaborate cast iron newel post. This dispensary was founded Oct 28th 1789 by Sir Joseph Banks, Lewis Dymoke, Wm Elmhirst, and E Laycock MD, E Harrison MD and John Chislet Surgeon & Apothecary, and this building was built in 1866 at a cost of o1,026.10s.11d including fixtures and fittings.

Other notes taken from the English Heritage Website below.

The home of the county's first ever public dispensary moved here from its first home at the edge of the church yard on Bridge Street. The contractor for the building was Mr. Robert Carter of North Street, Horncastle and in 1924 an extension was built by Horton and Son and the new hospital was opened by Sir Archibald Weigall. An X-ray department, by Watkins and Combs, was added in 1937. Taken over by the NHS in 1948 the hospital grew, and further rooms were added right up to the 1960s. Accident, emergency and inpatients departments were closed on 31 March 1998 and by the new millennium it was all closed. £300,000 was raised to purchase, alter and refurbish the building and in 2002 the War Memorial Centre, a multi-purpose medical facility, was opened. Photo April 2011



The front of the building (above) has retained its traditional appearance but to the side (below) you can see the additions.



The Proposal

To replace three metal framed windows to the Linden Road side of the building. The designs are proposed to match the existing and the proposed frames are to be white aluminium and double glazed.

Design

The proposed replacement windows are to replace old metal frames. The current frames offer very poor insulation and are causing a considerable amount of condensation. The existing opening sashes are difficult to open, and the existing glazing is becoming unsafe. Unfortunately, it is not possible to repair these frames.



The windows to be replaced are to the side elevation of the property and only the three metal framed windows are proposed to be replaced. The proposed designs will be as existing, window drawings and site photos are attached to the application. The glass roof above the middle window is not to be replaced.

The proposed replacement windows will be an Alitherm heritage aluminium casement window. The Alitherm heritage aluminium casement has traditional frame detailing, slim profile, features and concealed gaskets. These will be in white. The specification of the aluminium window profile is attached to the application and has previously been approved for use within other article 4 conservation areas and Listed Buildings where appropriate. We have also attached the product brochure.

In terms of installation there will be no alteration to the proposed size of the windows, and no alteration to the existing stone cills or soldier brick course lintels. The frames will be double glazed to comply with building control, but as the building is listed there will be no trickle vents fitted to the frames.

The existing windows although now looking a little untidy once contribute positively to the overall character and appearance of the host building and surrounding area and although these replacement windows are to be in aluminium this does not distract the appearance of the host building or conservation area itself. The proposed use of the heritage aluminium product will mean that the windows will be very difficult to distinguish between the original metal framed and the replacements. Often aluminium or metal framed windows are acceptable within listed buildings. The use of the profile with its features and detailing complements the age of the property and blends in with the surrounding area.

ACCESS

The windows will be accessed from the inside when being replaced, all openings are to remain the same as the existing.