

# DESIGN STATEMENT

Proposal for Construction of External Part-Covered  
Seating Pods within the Courtyard of Existing  
Licenced Area

The Suffolk Arms Public House,  
40 Suffolk Road,  
Cheltenham,  
GL50 2AQ

**Prepared by Taylor & Co Architects January 2024**

## SETTING

The site is the existing public house and rear external licensed dining area at The Suffolk Arms located along Suffolk Road within Cheltenham city centre.

## HISTORIC ASSESSMENT

The existing building has a Grade II listing, and the description is as follows.

SO9421SE SUFFOLK ROAD 630-1/23/864 (South side) 14/12/83 No.40 The Suffolk Arms Public House

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Public house. c1820-50. Stucco over brick with concealed roof and four brick end stacks, those to left end renewed. Double-depth plan. EXTERIOR: 2 storeys, 3 first-floor windows. Stucco detailing includes left end pilaster, crowning cornice and blocking course. 8/8 sashes throughout in plain reveals and with sills. Central entrance in breakforward: replacement part-glazed double doors with divided overlight, cornice. Within, an elliptically-arched overlight with inverted teardrop glazing bars. INTERIOR: ground floor remodelled C20.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Suffolk Road shown on Merrett's 1834 Map as Commercial Street. (Merrett HS: Plan of the Town of Cheltenham: 1834-).

Listing NGR: SO9460421441

## DESIGN

**Use:** The application is for the proposed construction of an external part-covered seating pods within the courtyard of an existing licenced dining area. The design has taken in consideration the adjacent neighbouring properties and the construction materials have been carefully selected to ensure a reasonable ambient noise level is achieved. The construction intends to use 50mm absorption panels to the internal sides of the seating pods with vertical timber cladding to the external sides of the seating and enclosed area. The roof is to be constructed of Triple Cell Opaque Polycarbonate Sheets. (See Walnut Acoustics Noise Assessment report for noise reduction details).

**Amount:** The proposal will create no additional internal increase to the building but will reinstate the external yard as dining. To ensure there is minimal disturbance later in the evening, the external dining area will close every evening at 9.30pm and no late evenings are proposed.

**Layout:** The layout of the listed structure remains as existing and will not be affected by the proposal.

**Scale:** Not applicable.

**Landscaping:** Not applicable

**Appearance:** No part of the listed structure is to be altered as part of the works, and the proposal will be constructed so as to be removeable if required in the future which will not have a detrimental impact on the listed building.

**Access** Site access is unchanged.

**SITE PHOTOS**

Images below showing area for proposed construction of external part-covered seating pods within existing licenced dining area.





## CONCLUSION

We consider that these proposals will not have a detrimental impact upon the status of the listed building and the selection of construction materials have been carefully chosen to ensure that the ambient noise levels are significantly reduced during operational hours.