

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE  
(UPDATE OF JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT)**

**Improvements for the means of escape at THE  
OTTER MILL BUILDINGS, OTTERY ST MARY**

**CHURCHILL  
PROPERTY  
GROUP  
(SW) LTD**

**Addendum 19.1.2024**

## **1 PROLOGUE**

### 1. Purpose of this statement

To support the previous Justification Statement & Conservation Plan, and to justify the changes in order to improve the means of escape in the event of a fire to comply with Building Regulations

## **2 OBJECTIVES**

2. To improve the means of escape in the event of a fire to comply with Building Regulations and in a manner that does not compromise the original fabric of the buildings.

The Plan is also reviewed against the National Planning Policy Framework and acknowledges objectives as covered by:

2.1.1 English Heritage; "Conservation in Practice"

2.1.2 "Heritage Works" – The use of historic buildings in regeneration, a toolkit of good practice.

2.1.3 English Heritage; "Conservation Principles – policies and guidance 2008"

2.1.4 English Heritage; "Understanding Historic Buildings – policy and guidance for local Planning Authorities"

2.1.5 Historic Scotland; "Conservation Plans – a guide to the Preparation of Conservation Plans"

### 2.1.6 Historic England listing description: 01.04.1974

MILL STREET 1. ----- 1481 The Factory SY 09 NE 1/22 28.4.52. II GV 2. 1788-90 with alterations and additions, a large red brick building of good proportions. Parapet. Hipped slate roof. 5 window entrance front, casements with glazing bars. 16 windows on return, south west mainly sash with glazing bars remaining. Wood doorcase with hood fanlight. Brick entrance drive piers with stone caps and orbs. Built by Sir George Young as a serge factory at cost of œ40,000. It had the largest water-wheel in England (taken out about 75 years ago). Electrical components etc are now being made there. Reference in "short notes on Church and Parish of Ottery St Mary by Rev S W Cornish, DD. (N.M.R.) All the listed buildings in Mill Street form a group. Listing NGR: SY0941095239

## **3. SUMMARY**

3: The proposed work is driven by the intention to make the buildings safer for the occupants. The only proposed works to the external of the buildings is to adapt 6 existing windows. The dimensions of the windows will remain the same but the windows will have hinges fitted to the side of the window to adapt the windows to become Fire Escape windows. The proposed internal changes are relatively minor and will not affect or damage the original structure of the building.

## **DRAWINGS AND DOCUMENTS UPON WHICH THE PREPARATION OF THIS STATEMENT IS BASED**

\* Existing & Proposed elevations

\* Existing & Proposed floor layouts showing the minor internal changes