

Design & Heritage Statement

The Last Drop Inn

27 Colliergate

08/02/2024

History and Significance of the Application Site:

This statement examines the proposed changes to the frontage of the Grade II listed The Last Drop Inn, regarding the advertisement consent application.

The application site sits within York's central conservation area, first designated in 1968. The Last Drop Inn on Colliergate is seen from King's Square within the historic core of York's centre. The triangular square is overlooked by shops, cafés, and offices on all sides. Its Georgian and Victorian historical buildings with painted shop fronts in a multitude of colours form a part of the areas particular character.



Aerial View of Application Site

Grade II Listed in 1968, 27 Colliergate was originally a house but later remodelled as offices and modernised with a shop front. Regarding the exterior architectural characteristics, the listing reads:

‘Front block timber-framed, fronted in painted and incised render; rear wing rendered; pantile roof with truncated brick stack to left.’

Previous Applications:

In 2000, a change of use application (99/02269/FUL) with alterations of offices (Class B1) to public house (Class A3) was approved along with an application which secured approval for the ‘Internal and external alterations to form public house’.

Advertisement consent was granted in 2021 (21/01517/ADV) and included a hand painted wall letter sign and a non-illuminated projecting sign, along with illuminated signage to the fascia as seen below.



Existing Street frontage



Existing projecting sign



Existing wall lettering & fascia signage

Advertisement Consent Application

This proposal includes for the replacement of wall lettering between the first-floor front windows reflecting the reopening of the public house under a new lease. This proposed signage reading 'The Last Drop Inn' is to be of the same scale, colour, matching hand-painted style of lettering and situated on the same black painted background as the existing advertisement.

The removal of the signage to the fascia is also proposed and ground floor exterior joinery including the fascia, panelling, window frames and door leaf is to be painted black to match existing first and second floor window frames, heads and sills.

Replacing the existing Black Sheep circular projecting sign is a square sign of the same width, also with white lettering on a black background reading 'The Last drop Inn'. The proposed projecting sign is to be mounted with the existing wall bracket.

Heritage Impact and Justification

The changes to the signage of The Last Drop Inn retain the historic character created by the front block timber-framed and painted street front. As the proposed signage is of the same scale, location, colour, and style of lettering, **the aesthetic is unchanged**. The change in colour of the frontage seeks to tidy-up the appearance by matching the ground floor to the colour of the upper storey's and has no impact on

the historic presentation of the street with other similarly black painted shop fronts. Therefore, the impact of the proposed works upon the architectural heritage of the building is negligible.

Flood Risk Statement

Given that the site falls within flood zone 1 as set out within the current Environment Agency Data no flood risk statement is required.