

# Statement of Significance for the Old Police Station at No 38 Rock Lane Stoke Gifford

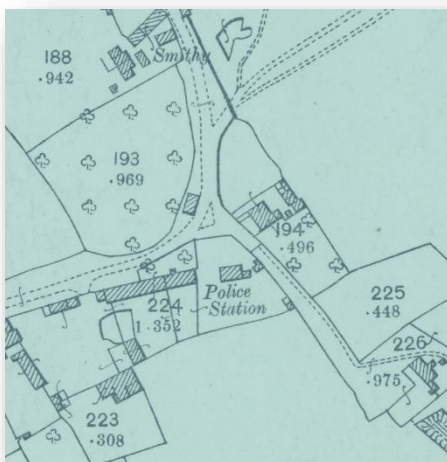


To accompany a planning application for a proposed new dwelling in the curtilage of 37 Rock Lane, Stoke Gifford.



## Significance of the asset

Historic maps suggest that the Old Police Station at No 38 Rock Lane Stoke Gifford seems to have been built in the early 1800s.



Map from circa 1840s from 'Know Your Place' online historic maps

The house is listed as a Locally Listed Building by South Gloucestershire. A Locally Listed building are those that do not meet the criteria for being nationally-listed, but which are still of architectural or historical importance in their local area. The Council's reason for listing this building is unclear.

A planning application (ref: PT04/1574/F) for a new dwelling within the curtilage of the Old Police Station was granted permission in 2004. It is noted that no Statement of Significance was submitted with that application and the building was not mentioned in the offer's report as being of any importance.

Architecturally, the house is traditional in character with a pitched roof over two storeys and a simple in form.



Lef: Site plan showing the proposed new dwelling in the 2004 application (now built).

Right: Elevational drawing of the Old Police Station.

The fenestration is traditional with the addition of brick soldier course cills. A chimney sits centrally on the roof, protruding at the ridge level. The walls are render and the roof in concrete double Roman tiles. Most notably, the curtilage to the property is bounded by an attractive pennant sandstone wall at circa 1.4m high.

In summary, the building does not appear to be of much architectural merit and the fact that it is not listed by English Heritage suggest that its significance may be considered to be low.

## Impact on the significance of the asset

The design rationale for the proposed dwelling in the curtilage of 37 Rock Lane is described in detail in the Design Statement accompanying this planning application.

The proposal adopts a simple form similar to that of the Old Police Station; with low eaves, two storeys, and a dual pitched roof.

The proposed coursed pennant sandstone boundary wall takes cues from the stone wall boundary treatment of the Old Police Station. The proposal also proposes a rendered wall to reflect those of the Old Police Station.

Moreover, the stone walls of the proposed dwelling itself reflect the notable older buildings in the immediate vicinity such as no.96 Rock Lane.

Overall, this palette of materials and vernacular detailing establishes an attractive and respectful street frontage and therefore causes negligible harm to the setting of the Old Police Station.