

Heritage Statement

**The Co-operative Louth
Northgate,
Louth
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1.0 Introduction

This Heritage Statement has been prepared by Bowman Riley Architects Limited, on behalf of The Co-operative and is in support of a full planning application for the proposed works listed below, at the existing Branch located on Louth, Northgate:

- Existing brickwork to be removed to allow for shopfront window and door.
- Existing side door to be removed and structural opening to be increased.
- Existing rainwater pipes to be removed and re-installed.

The purpose of this Heritage Statement is to outline the proposal and illustrate how the proposed works will integrate and facilitate the use of the existing building. This statement should be read in conjunction with Bowman Riley Architects Limited planning application drawings and other relevant information which has been submitted in support of the planning application.

2.0 The Proposal

The works seeking approval under this Planning Application, is to support the 2no. new AC units within the existing plant compound as well as removing a section of brickwork to allow for a new shopfront window and door to be installed. Existing rainwater pipe to be removed and reinstalled to the right of the new shopfront door. This will involve those works listed above and as shown on: BR Drawing 8795.08 – Louth Northgate – 0001,0002,0003,0004,0005 – Existing & Proposed Plans and Elevations and site location plan.

3.0 Assessment

Character, Social & Physical Context

The site is located on Northgate, which falls within the Louth Conservation area. Louth is the largest of East Lindsey District's seven market towns and is often referred to as the "Capital of the Wolds". The town has a rich history and has changed little from the mid-C19 which has resulted in an interesting and varied architectural legacy from the Georgian and Victorian eras. Louth is a traditional and distinctive market town that still retains the character of a true country town, a character derived mainly from the survival of a substantial street market three days a week and a weekly cattle market. The dominance of distinctive locally owned and locally run small scale businesses over national chain stores adds to the traditional atmosphere. Louth's historical role as significant administrative, religious, and educational centre is reflected in the presence of a number of high-status public buildings and sizeable institutional buildings. St James' Church is an important and dominant landmark which is striking for its magnificent spire which is visible for miles around the town and prominent within Louth. The site location is within a predominantly commercial area, with other business establishments and residential dwellings within proximity. (see Figure 1).

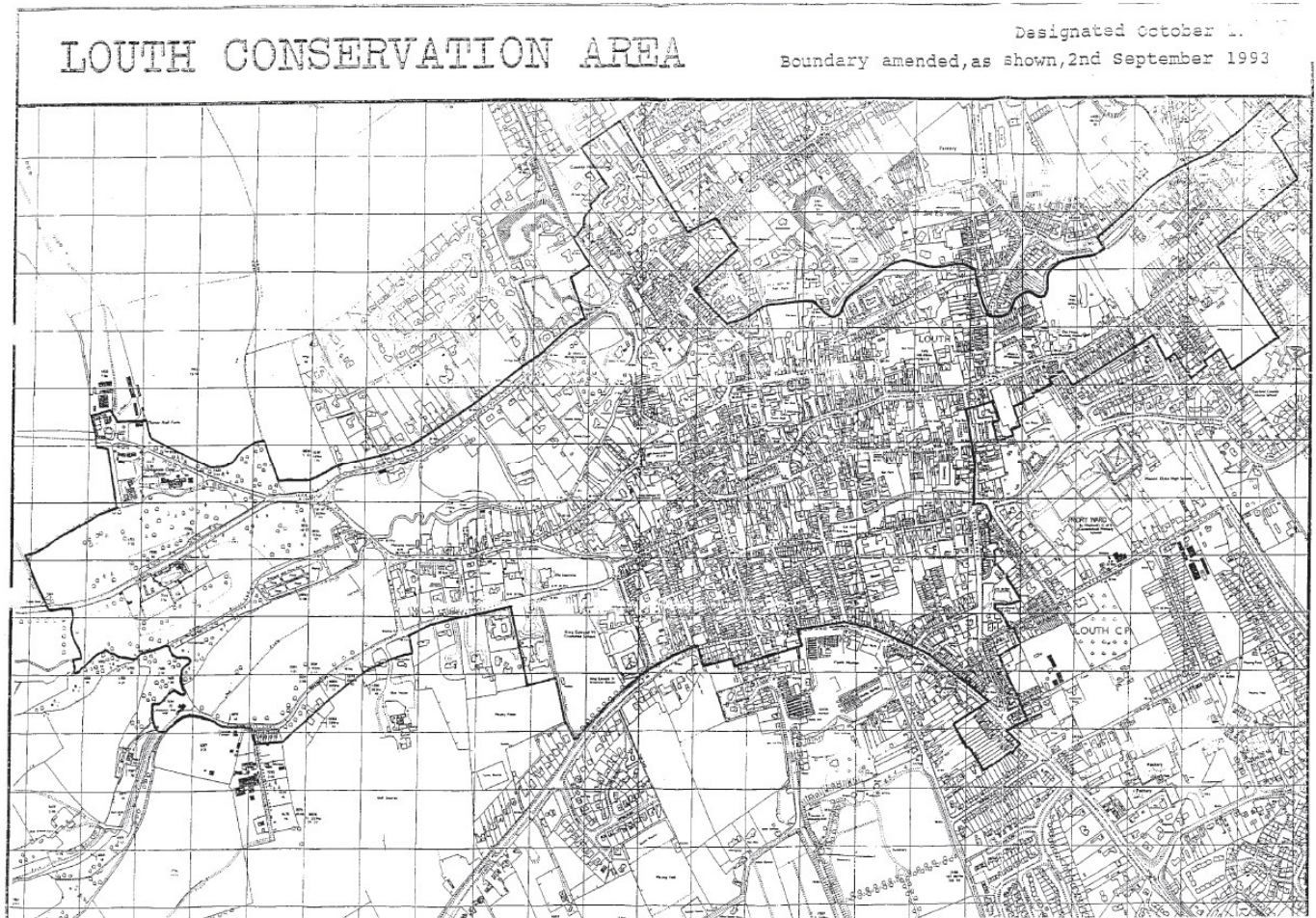


Figure 1: Site Location

Material and Finishes in the Vicinity

There are various buildings on Northgate of which the main building finish brickwork is well-maintained. Features to shop fronts are typically squared-headed but are sometimes segmental timber sash type windows. The size of the buildings within the vicinity of the site ranges from two-storey up to three-storey, although many of the street buildings are 2 storeys. Predominately, the appearance of the roofs is pitched concrete tile.

Elevations: predominately 2 storeys in brickwork with commercial signage, common to the area.

Roofs: pitched concrete tile roofs

Material and Finishes to The co-operative

Elevations: predominately brickwork with areas of glazing at ground floor. To reflect the commercial nature of the building, signage is present on ground floor elevations.

Roof: pitched roof



Figure 2: Street views capture

As seen in the photo above and considering the scope of works within Section 1, the effect of the proposed works will be minimal.

4.0 Conclusion

The works seeking approval under this Planning Application, are to support the 2no. new AC units within an existing plant compound as well as removing a section of brickwork to allow for new shopfront window and door to be installed. Existing rainwater pipe to be removed and reinstalled to the right of the new shopfront door. It is judged this will have no negative impact on the Louth Conservation Area.

We hope you are in agreement with our proposal and kindly assist in the progression of this application to be approved.