

Heritage Statement - understanding the site of 19 Middleton Street, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0AB - Grade II*

TG1001 MIDDLETON STREET 655-1/8/129 (South West side) 29/12/50 Nos.13-19 (Odd) Priory House (Formerly Listed as: MIDDLETON STREET (South West side) Nos.13-17 (Odd) The Priory)

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19 Middleton Street forms the rear of a Grade II* house, now divided into three properties, known as *The Priory*. It is fair to say that the main historically significant parts of the building are mainly found in houses number 13 & number 15. From the front, it is a large two-story house with a brick façade and ornamentation of the 18th century. It is believed the building dates originally c1670 and was extensively remodeled c1710 and in subsequent years with the addition of a rear range and alteration of fenestration. The house is situated in South Norfolk's Wymondham's Conservation Area. We believe that our house comprises of three sections from different times:

- 1) East rear elevation is dominated by a 3-storey extension, 2 bay hipped block right of centre lit through sashes with glazing bars in exposed boxes c1790. 19 Middleton Street comprises of the Ground Floor and 2nd floor of this part of the house – not the 3rd floor. The Ground Floor 'library' has period features with traditional period fireplace and surround, cornicing, shutters, door and door frame with multi paned Georgian style sash windows. Plaster work is of the period and lime based. The 2nd floor bedroom has a period door and traditional blocked fireplace and surround with multi paned Georgian style sash windows.
- 2) Central rear elevation, 3-bay block, formed the main part of a school c1830. On the Ground Floor, period features include the windows and red plain tiles under the floorboards in the 'drawing room'. These are on show in the 'kitchen' which is separated from the main living space by a stud wall. The staircase is also surrounded by a stud wall. The windows are believed to be a c1900 change with larger panes of glass allowing unrestricted views of the garden without glazing bars. The patio door and window surround c1950. The 2nd floor 3-bay block comprises of multi paned sash windows are of the Georgian style.
- 3) West rear elevation with Ground Floor entrance hall and bathroom c1950

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The street the house is situated is predominantly of Georgian character and is rather grand in terms of scale and quality of buildings. Beech House, the Council Offices, and Caius House are all fine examples of 18th century architecture. However, Caius House has been disfigured by the introduction of the later shop fronts, and the air conditioning units on the flank wall of No 1 could have been more discretely positioned. The public garden adjacent to Beech House is an important feature and the trees can be appreciated from several vantage points. The unusual door case to Priory House is of interest. Middleton Court is a small development of interest to the rear of no. 28 which has created a Vicar Street Vicar Street Town Green Wymondham Conservation Area Character Appraisal. 27 successful environment. Other 'service' buildings survive to the rear of frontage properties, especially on the east side and a development recently completed to the rear of no 10, has made a quiet but confident contribution.