

Planning Applications

- 1.1 Change of Use to office/business (B1) and Financial and Professional Service (A2). Application No 2012/0328
- 1.2 A meeting was held on 14.03.2012 to discuss the above application together with the case officer Steve Kirkham and the historic buildings officer Tony Wiles.

Historical background information (a report provided with the sale particulars) by Buttress Fuller Alsop Williams on behalf of the building owner pages 1 to 12 was discussed.

The listing description makes no mention of any interior features.

It was explained that the only alterations proposed are to the interior of the building and not to the exterior it was agreed that the formal Listed Building Consent application could be submitted without waiting for any specific reports and that a site visit would be arranged as soon as possible to view the interior of the building.

The proposed changes are relatively minor –alterations to partitions and removal of fixed furniture to the court room itself (which are not original items) so that the space can be used to accommodate office desking etc.

- 2.1 Listed Building Consent, Internal Alterations
Application No 2012/0333/INVALID

A notice was sent 22.03.2012 by email at 10.49 am.

At 2.00 pm on 22.03.2012 the site visit (proposed above) took place with Tony Wiles present.

The alterations to partitions at ground floor level, replacing the existing counter arrangement and the proposed new division centrally located across the courtroom would not affect any original features. Further details are to be provided but in principle no listing issues are involved. The court plaque and the canopy and panelling behind the Judge's desk can be retained.

- 2.2 A general walk around the building took place.

The staircase from the Eastgate entrance which is partly oak and pine is to remain (handrails, balustrades, etc.)

The original oak panelling to the exterior walls of the courtroom is to remain.

Where original panelled doors, frames, architraves and skirting are still present at various locations around the building, these are to remain.

There are no alterations proposed which affect the structure of the building.

2.3 The character appraisal

This is adequately covered by the Historical Background Information pages 1 to 12 – copy enclosed.

2.4 Further plans are to be prepared and submitted to show the changes to the fixed furniture (removal) within the courtroom and the removal of raised floor levels.

2,5 A series of photographs (digital) are to be submitted to show the character and features within the building.

3.1 A separate planning application is to be prepared and submitted in the near future providing details of external signage.