DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT

THE GATE
RICKMANSWORTH ROAD
NORTHWOOD
HA6 2RH

Introduction:

This Design & Access Statement seeks to meet the documentary requirements of the current NPPF, for buildings located within a Conservation Area and for buildings having a grade listing. It has been submitted to assess the interest of the application site to justify the proposed works in terms of their impact on the heritage asset identified. The statement assesses the nature, extent and importance of the significance of the asset and its setting to allow the impact of the proposed works on that significance and setting to be properly assesses by the local planning authority.

Existing Elevation







Proposed Elevation







THE PROPOSAL
Proposed 1x set of individual letters, 1x refurbish set of individual letters, Retain post mounted corex sign, Refurbish Existing post pictorial sign, 2x sets of sign writen welcome letters, 2x small plinth lanterns, 1x small back fix lanterns

ITEM 01 (Qty 1) EMB06-NS
Set of individual letters
Featuring:
• A set of individual letters finished Brass
on black RAL 9005 matt 2mm aluminium shadowbacks
• Retain existing warm white floodlights.

The proposed replacement set of house name letters would be positioned in the same location as the existing and utilize the existing lighting

ITEM 01A (Qty 1) EMB06-NS
Refurbish existing letters
Featuring:

• Refurbish existing letters to brass with black aluminkum shadow backs.
• Retain existing warm white floodlights.

The existing set of individual letters would be refurbished and re instated using the original fixing. The existing lighting would remain

ITEMA 04A & 04B (Qty 2) EMB12
Signwritten text over entrance doorway
Featuring:
• Hand painted text in Oyster RAL 9010 matt

Two sets of hand sign written welcome letters would be applied to the two main entrances

ITEM 05 (Qty 2) ASH-STR-S-B-H
Stratford Small lantern in black
Featuring:
• Warm/Cool white illumination
• Fixed on a plinth

Proposed two small lanterns to be installed to the existing stone plinths for the safety of customers entering and leaving the entrance

ITEM 06 (Qty 1) ASH-STR-S-B-C
Stratford Small lantern in black
Featuring:
• Warm/Cool white illumination
• Cradle fixed scroll bracket

The proposed small lantern would be installed above the main entrance giving illumination for the safety of customers

Schedule of work

Before the commencements of works a Health and Safety assessment will be carried out by the main contractor. Scaffolding will be erected and all safety measures applied. Ashleigh signs will supply a method statement to the main contractor for the installation of the signage. Barriers will be installed for the safety of pedestrians and workers on site. The existing signs would be carefully removed and any fixing holes made good. The replacement signs would then be fitted to the locations shown on the submitted draiwng

Design

The proposed design seeks to make changes due to the age and condition of the existing signage. An advertisement consent application has been submitted to cover the installation of the new signage

HeritageDetails

Details
1. 5018 RICKMANSWORTH ROAD (North-East Side) NORTHWOOD The Gate Public House TQ 0891 3/373 TI
2. C17 timber framed left part of 3 bays, with red brick facade, and extension of 2 bays to right in brick built to resemble it as closely as possible. 2 storeys. Continuous tiled roof. Left part has 1st floor band and some diapering of blue headers. Large old end chimney arid visible framing in gable, 1st floor windows horizontal sliding sashes. Ground floor replaced sashes with bars under cambered brick arches. Modern door under reproduction pedimented hood.

Listing NGR: TQ0816191868

History and Background

The Gate is a historic public house located on The Gate on Rickmansworth Road in Northwood, London Borough of Hillingdon, with origins dating back to the 19th century

Key Historical Milestones

- **19th-Century Origins:** The pub has served as a local landmark since the 1800s, originally positioned near surrounding farmland and local development by prominent landowners like Frank Carew.

- **Early 20th Century:** Historic photographs and postcards from around 1914 show "The Old Gate" pub looking largely unspoiled by modern development, though its surrounding area steadily grew busier.

- **Pop Culture Appearance:** The exterior of The Gate pub was featured in the classic 1970s BBC television sitcom *The Good Life*, appearing in a scene where characters Tom Good and Jerry Leadbetter stopped during a run.

- **Modern Era:** The historic building transitioned into an Ember Inn, known for serving traditional pub food and Sunday roasts while retaining its old-character exterior opposite Mount Vernon Hospital.

Conclusion

The proposal includes minor changes to the existing signage and will have no adverse harm to the asset and surrounding Area which would be preserved. The proposals are therefore considered to meet the objectives of the NPPF concerning development in an historic context and meet the requirements of relevant local planning policy.