

Case Study: The White Lion Public House

The White Lion Public House is a Grade II Listed building lying in the historic heart of Market Harborough, Leicestershire and sits within a conservation area and adjacent to the Grade I Listed St Dionysius Church. It was therefore important for Lindpet Properties Limited to consider the impact any work would have on the historic value of the site and surrounding area.

Initially, AB Heritage was commissioned by Lindpet Properties, through J.S + P Architecture, to provide a Heritage Statement in advance of the proposed development. This details the historic character and potential significance of the building.

Subsequent to this work AB Heritage were asked to also provide an Impact Assessment, appraising the impact of proposed works on the significance of the structure.

The property comprises four main visible elements: a two storey structure with 18th century façade that fronts onto the High Street; a carriage arch over Talbot Yard, attached to the main structure; a 20th century extension to the Public House at the rear of the two story structure; and two 18th century structures (unused) to the south-west.

Through detailed assessment, AB Heritage Limited quickly uncovered the significance of the site and gained an understanding of how proposed development works may impact on the historic value of the site and the wider setting of the structure. AB Heritage worked closely with Lindpet Properties and J.S. + P Architecture to provide early design guidance.

“We worked in consultation with our client to develop appropriate recommendations for managing and mitigating adverse impacts on the historic environment, reducing the risk of project delays and mounting costs,” says Andy Buckley of AB Heritage. “By assessing the site early on in the project we can help developers manage risk and reduce the need for costly redesigns further down the line, as well as preserving and managing change to areas of historic value.”



Key Factors

- **AB Heritage Limited rapidly assessed and developed an understanding for the specific heritage sensitivities of the site.**
- **The majority of the site was declared as having no/ limited heritage significance, allowing for effective risk management, quickly focusing only on those areas that were of potential historic value.**
- **Provisional mitigation strategies and design guidance were provided to pro-actively manage the heritage resource, preventing costly and often complex mitigation/re-design works at a later stage.**

Client:
Lindpet Properties Limited

Location:
Market Harborough,
Leicestershire

AB Heritage Input:
Cultural Heritage Statement of
Significance and Impact
Assessment

Date of AB Heritage Works:
Nov 2010 – May 2011

