

The Knights Templar (0538) 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT.

PROPOSAL:

Proposed internal reconfiguration of trade area, relocation of walk-in bottle cooler, alterations to back bar to form coffee station and formation of new glass wash area, with new glass rack & associated works to bar counters.



External elevation of The Knights Templar P.H.

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INTRODUCTION

Design Venue Architects Limited are acting on behalf of JD Wetherspoon, in providing both listed building and conservation area advice for internal reconfiguration of trade area, relocation of walk-in bottle cooler, alterations to back bar to form coffee station and formation of new glass wash area, with associated works to bar counters.

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared to accompany a planning and listed building consent application.

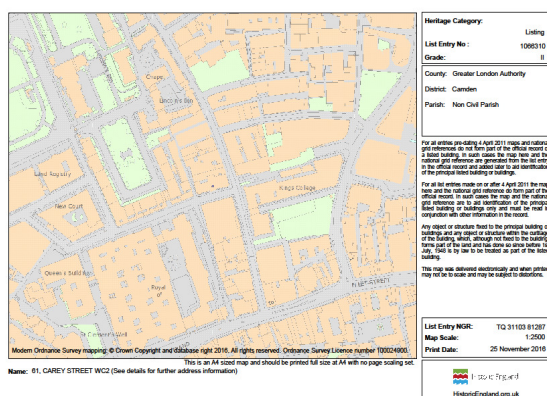
PROPERTY USE & LAYOUT

The application site, as shown and highlighted on the Location Plan, is located on the corner of Chancery Lane and Carey Street, London WC2.

The site is currently used as a public house under the management of JD Wetherspoon.

The existing use of the property will not be changed as a result of these proposals.

SIGNIFICANCE



Map – not to scale

Copy of Listing:

TQ 3181 SW CITY OF WESTMINSTER CHANCERY LANE, WC2 61/3 31.10.74 No. 95 (Including No. 61 Carey Street)

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Bank. 1865 by F.W. Porter, built as the Union Bank of London. Portland stone, slate roof. Stately, richly detailed High Renaissance design. 3 storeys, basement and dormered attic. 4 window wide frontage to Chancery Lane, splayed corner entrance bay and 12-window wide front to Carey Street with central and terminal advanced pavilions. Aediculed corner entrance. 3 storey loggia treatment to Chancery Lane with semicircular arched windows contained within successive Tuscan, Ionic and Corinthian orders in coupled columns. The Carey Street front has the same theme but with coupled pilasters. Arcaded 1st floor windows. Terminal pavilions as loggias. The central pavilion 2 storeyed with stone ball finials to cornice blocking course. Heavy main cornice and entablature with semicircular, pedimented dormers above. Fine heavy cast iron area railings. Original banking hall with rich Renaissance detailing, largely intact.

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DEVELOPMENT

The Knights Templar pub on Chancery Lane in London is situated in between where the original Templar preceptory was (near Chancery Lane tube station under a modern edifice called Southampton Buildings) and the 'new' Templar church built in the late 12th century (nearer the river Thames and still standing – featured in The Da Vinci Code). Chancery Lane is very much the ancient centre of London's legal community with medieval buildings nearby – including one where Sir Thomas More – Chancellor of England and executed by Henry VIII – was based.

The property was built in 1865 by F.W. Porter, as the Union Bank of London, faced with Portland stone, with a slate roof, in a richly detailed High Renaissance design.

Former Natwest Bank, it has been a Wetherspoon pub since 16th April 1999.

SCALE

The scale of development is fairly modest, the main fabric and interior only having minor alterations, the modern bar counters are to be refurbished and a glass rack installed. A modern partition wall with pair of doors to be removed and replaced in a new location with similar glazed partition and doors, floor raised and steps modified, retaining original insitu.

LANDSCAPING & EXTERNAL WORKS

There are no proposals for additional landscaping or external works.

APPEARANCE

The proposed new doors and frame will be finished in stain to match existing.

The bar works will be in keeping with the existing bar finishes.

Minor alterations to the interior of the premises will be undertaken with care not to disturb the historic fabric.

ACCESS

Access will not be affected by these proposals.

CONCLUSION

The works have a negligible impact on the special historic interest of the listed building.

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