

Heritage Statement – Earlham Street

41 Earlham Street forms part of the Crafts Centre, which is a grade II listed. The building was formerly a warehouse, presumed to originally have been a brewery or similar. The building consists of 3 storeys on the Earlham Street elevation, and is constructed of stock brick. The elevation includes segmented headed windows and doorways on this elevation. Earlham Street itself is referred to heavily in the Seven Dials Estate Conservation Area statement, and reference is made to the successful conversion of new shopfront within the area.

The current application seeks to replace the existing main door to the restaurant unit, but will not alter the door frame of the building. The door in its current form is a solid, service-like door in terms of appearance and is divergent from the appearance of the more traditional shopfronts located along the same elevation of the crafts centre. As such, the current application seeks to install replacement doors to the unit, so as to improve its overall visual aesthetic and to better reflect the character of the conservation area and the listed building, providing a more welcoming, traditional glazed entrance to the unit. The proposals are therefore considered to benefit the character and appearance of both the listed building and the conservation area and should therefore be acceptable in heritage terms.