



DESIGN, ACCESS AND HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

Provender Store Units 17 & 18 – Temporary Change of Use

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INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the proposals for the temporary change of use of Units 17 and 18 in the Ground Floor of the Provender Store from A1 to D1. The Provender Store is a listed GII building part of the group known as Stanley Sidings, Stables to East of Bonded Warehouse.

The units have been vacant for the last 18 – 24 months; the introduction of the D1 use seeks to enliven the area and bring new opportunities to the established retail within the market.

PROPOSALS

This application seeks 24 months temporary permission for change of use from A1 Retail to D1 Non-residential institution for the Vagina Museum to come to Camden Market and occupy Units 17 and 18 of the Provender Store.

The units have been vacant for the last 18-24 months, but for the occasional pop-up shop. The strategy behind locating the V-Museum in the historic Triangle Site at the Stables Market is to encourage people to visit the market for activities that further shopping.

The V-Museum is set to be the world's first bricks and mortar museum dedicated to vaginas, vulvas and the gynaecological anatomy. The Vagina Museum takes a holistic view of vaginas, from science to history to their place in culture. It will be a diverse place where there will be many different ways of engaging and getting involved.

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USE

Unit 17 and Unit 18 are currently A1 use. This application is for a 24 months temporary change of use to D1.

AMOUNT

The proposals subject of this application do not add any internal or external built areas. There will be no increase in the existing square footage of the building.

LAYOUT

The layout remains unchanged.

SCALE AND APPEARANCE

No change is proposed to the external appearance and scale of the listed building.

LANDSCAPING

There are no open spaces requiring landscaping within this application.

ACCESS

Level access will be maintained as per the existing arrangement.

HERITAGE CONSIDERATIONS

Historic England Conservation Principles accepts that change is part of the life of heritage assets: 'Change in the historic environment is inevitable, caused by natural processes, the wear and tear of use, and people's responses to social, economic and technological change'.

There are no proposed changes to the fabric of the listed building, which has been repaired and upgraded during the Heritage Works carried out between 2015 and 2018. It is our belief that the D1 use will encourage more visitors to discover and enjoy the historic building.

CONCLUSION

The possibility of experiencing a novel museum to Camden Market is considered to be highly beneficial, adding to the vitality of the market in general and the building in particular.

It is therefore considered that the proposed use would not affect the special interest of the building and will bring more visitors to the historic market.