



Bath Heritage Watchdog

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 19/00020/LBA

ADDRESS: 14 Kingsmead Square

PROPOSAL: External alterations to include proposed new shop fronts, stone cleaning, dormer window repairs and ancillary work

CASE OFFICER: Caroline Power

DATE: 15 February 2019

COMMENT: SUPPORT

Bath Heritage Watchdog cautiously supports this application.

Although the application is stated as 14 Kingsmead Square, it also includes 1 Kingsmead Street.

The treatment of this building has long been concerning, from general clutter and detritus to unauthorised works (signage and tables & chairs - Bath Coffee Company and signage and awning, Jazz Café). Not all of this has been regularised to date.

Nonetheless we are pleased to see the intention of this application is clearly to improve the shop frontages and to carry out some long overdue repair and restoration work. We are content to leave the specific details to the judgement of the conservation officer.

Although the improvements to the shopfronts is supported we would encourage consideration be made to relocate the door to the café back to the Kingsmead Square elevation. This would improve balance and symmetry and therefore afford considerable enhancement.

We would, however, request that as part of this work that any signage, etc is reduced and improved and subject to the relevant listed building applications. This is a very important Grade I listed building which has looked sad and neglected for many years and it would be a considerable enhancement for the building to be looked at holistically.