

ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT FORM

Location of suspected breach:

The King William, on the corner of Thomas Street and London Road

Describe the nature of your complaint:

Unauthorised work damaging the authenticity of a listed building

Do you know the owner of the building / land? If so, please provide details:

Not known

If there is a related planning application, please state the ref. number if known:

No current applications. The last authorised change (to repaint the signage) was in 2013.

If you have any additional information, please provide:

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Your details:

First name:		Daytime telephone number:	
Last name:	Bath Heritage Watchdog	Mobile number:	
Address:		Email:	contact@bathheritagewatchdog.org
Post code:			

If you have any additional documents and photographs please attach to the email with the completed form.

Additional Information

We have just been contacted by a local resident concerned about what was happening to the public house. Unfortunately there were no photographs. In his words:

"I raise a concern about work currently happening at the King William pub in Thomas Street / London Road.

It's an architectural gem almost untouched, but there's been intense activity there for weeks. Now they are removing the original Georgian (not later Victorian) sash windows, extensively altering them and tipping out the sashes to make them hinged casement windows with the same frame.

It's not just saddening to see a protected feature in a listed building get butchered, it's also worrying- I haven't seen this done before, but if it's allowed it will happen all over Bath."

He is correct in describing it as an architectural gem. It's listed and was used on a TV programme for a Georgian shopfront as it is so original. Thus in addition to it being unauthorised work, if the TV programme is repeated it might encourage tourists to seek out this Georgian gem, and they should not find it destroyed because the council did not stop the destruction.

The work needs to be stopped immediately, and then attention needs to be given to how it can be restored. "Not expedient" is not an option for this particular building.

Government guidance on Covid-19 precautions do not justify physical alterations to listed buildings.