

# Design & Access Statement

## Fountain House

## The Memorial Hall

## Albert Square

## Manchester M2 5PF

This new signage scheme has been proposed to reflect the re-naming of the existing Albert Square Chop House. The signs are to be replaced on a mainly like for like basis as listed below

- Sign 01 - A proposed replacement double sided timber panel with face decorated display to both sides to replace the existing panel. The sign would be illuminated by a replacement trough light finished black and fitted with a shroud to direct the light down onto the panel.
- Sign 02 - The existing set of individual letters which are mounted on bracket work would be removed and all fixings made good. The replacement letters would be finished Antique Gold and fitted to new framework finished black
- Sign 03 - Three replacement menu cases constructed from brass with A3 display area and internal back lit illumination. These would replace the existing using existing fixing where possible

The signs are to be positioned in the same locations to avoid damage to the listed building and care has been taken in the design to enhance the asset

The building has a rich history. It was built in magnificent Venetian Gothic style by local architect Thomas Worthington between 1863-66 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Act of Uniformity. The Act is also dubbed 'the Great Ejection', under which 2,000 dissenting Church of England clergy were driven from their livings. It was, in effect, the birth of a number of non-conformist movements, not least the Unitarian Church.

### Heritage Listing

MANCHESTER ALBERT SQUARE (East side) Town Hall

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Town Hall. 1868-77, by Alfred Waterhouse. Sandstone ashlar facing to brick carcass, slate roofs. Triangular island site, with three main ranges enclosing a triangular courtyard mostly filled by a rectangular Great Hall. Gothic style. Three storeys and attics. Building of major importance. Contains mural paintings by Ford Madox Brown, and statuary by W. Theed, Jr.

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