42 – 46 Thomas Street, Manchester:

Photographic Gazeteer



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Introductory comments

The following photographic gazeteer was prepared by Heritage Architecture Ltd at the request and for the sole benefit of RED Partnerships during August 2018. The purpose of the document is to provide visual photographic illustrations to accompany a request to review the listing of the properties at Nos. 42-46 Thomas Street, Manchester, which became added to the statutory list at Grade II on 20th July 2018.

The historic background and development of the buildings, their development, heritage designations and current deemed heritage significance are outlined in the Heritage Statement of Nos. 42-50 Thomas Street carried out by Heritage Architecture and dated 27th July 2016. The Heritage Statement should be read in conjunction with the photographic gazeteer, alongside the request for review of the listing.

The photographs are arranged in principal external elevations followed by internal details, progressing from the basement through to the second floor. Where these are not self-evident or occupying the entirety of the image, the photographs have been marked up to identify key details. The photographs have been selected to identify both specific historic architectural details and the general condition and extent of alteration of the buildings.

The photographs are followed by a series of marked-up plans which show the locations of each photograph used within the gazeteer. On the plans, as in the descriptions of the photographs, the buildings are referred to as Nos. 42-46 Thomas Street generally however the site, as identified in the listing, also includes Nos. 41-45 Back Turner Street, therefore these properties are also referenced as such in the text and the numberings are also noted on the plans.

Fieldwork for the purposes of the photographic gazeteer was undertaken by Heritage Architecture Ltd on 7th August 2018 and photographs taken with a digital camera. Weather conditions at the time of the fieldwork were warm with outbreaks of sunshine. In several locations, notably the basement, access was constrained by physical barriers and the presence of water, in other instances photographs taken through windows to other parts of the site are of too poor a quality to present due to the condition of the windows. Views of the Back Turner Street elevation are also constrained by the narrow width of the street at this point, and no access was available to the internal courtyards.

The following photographic survey is presented for information and does not provide comment on significance which is assessed in the original Heritage Statement and subsequent documentation and correspondence concerning the listing.

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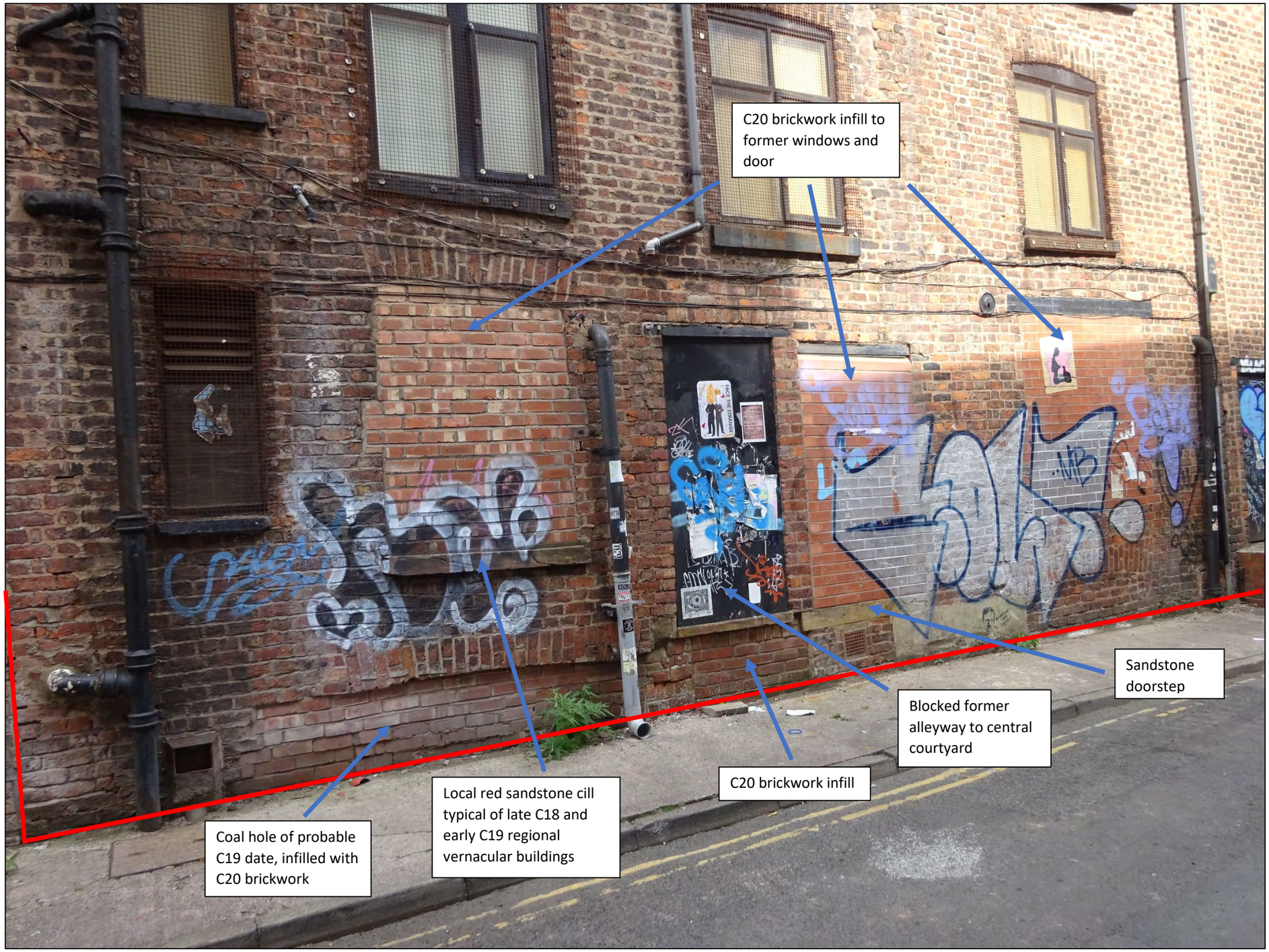
1. North elevation to Thomas Street including the principal elevations of Nos. 42 (right) 44 (centre) and 46 (left) Thomas Street. The extent of the site is shown by a red line.



2. East elevation of No. 48 Thomas Street with link structure and rear of No. 45 Back Turner Street. This elevation was formerly concealed by No. 48 Thomas Street, now demolished. The extent of the site is shown by a red line.



3. South elevation to Back Turner Street including No. 41 (left), No. 43 (centre) and No. 45 (right) Back Turner Street. The view available is truncated by the narrow street width. The extent of the site is shown by a red line.



4. South elevation to Back Turner Street (street level detail) showing part of No. 41 (left) and No. 43 (right) Back Turner Street. The extent of the site is shown by a red line.



5. Internal courtyard to rear of No. 44 Thomas Street, from second floor of No. 43 Back Turner Street.



6. Rear of Nos. 44 and 46 Thomas Street and connecting link to No. 45 Back Turner Street, from second floor of No. 45 Back Turner Street.



7. Rear of No. 45 Back Turner Street with connecting link back to No. 46 Thomas Street, from second floor outshut of No. 44 Thomas Street.



8. Interior of basement air raid shelter. Brickwork and steel structure of c. 1940.



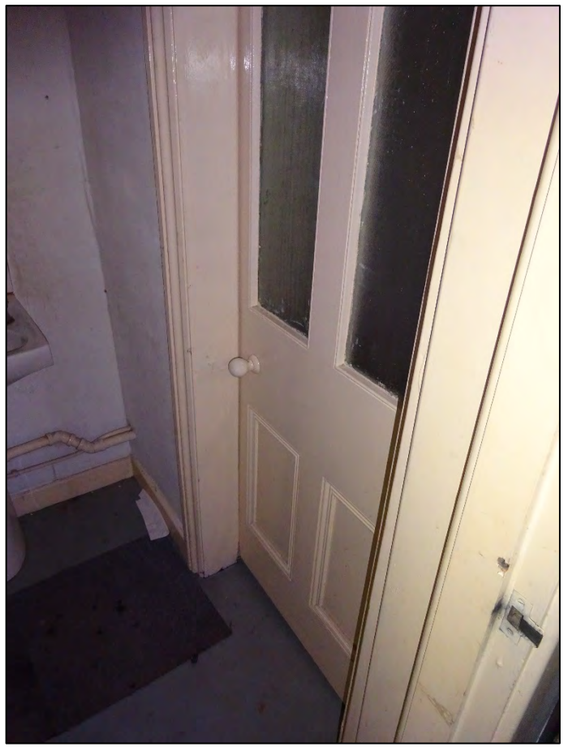
9. Entrance to air raid shelter. Brickwork structure of c. 1940.



10. Concealed C19 shop frontage at entrance to Thomas Street, behind C20 additions (detail).



11. Concealed C19 shop frontage at entrance to Thomas Street, behind C20 additions (contextual).



12. C19 door to WC within ground floor of courtyard to the rear of No. 44 Thomas Street.

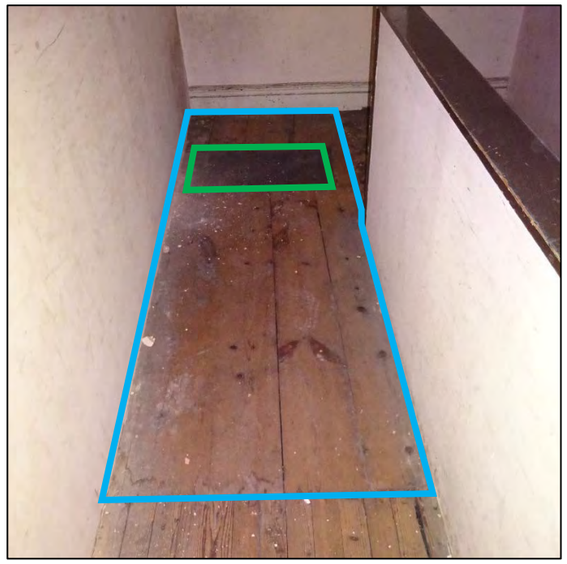
13. Re-used C18 door forming balustrade to stairs from the ground to basement floors within No. 41 Back Turner Street



14. Principal first floor space within No. 46 Thomas Street.



15. First floor link structure between No. 46 Thomas Street and No. 45 Back Turner Street, with C19 vertical timber panelling.



16. Area of C18 floorboards (blue outline) and re-used slate hearth (green outline) at first floor of No. 45 Back Turner Street.



17. Vernacular C18 hearth surround to former back bedroom at first floor of No. 44 Thomas Street.



18. Door surround of C18 date into former back bedroom at first floor of No. 44 Thomas Street.



19. Staircase of C19 date between first and second floors of No. 46 Thomas Street.



20. Staircase of C19 date between first and second floors of No. 46 Thomas Street (detail).



21. Interconnected second floors of Nos. 41-43 Back Turner Street. Later C19 floorboards, C20 structural supports also visible.



22. Interconnected roof space and structures above Nos. 41-43 Back Turner Street, waney (irregular) C18 roof timbers (dark) mixed with C20 timber additions (pale). Evidence of earlier fire damage.



23. Brickwork of C18 date forming party wall between No. 43 and No. 45 Back Turner Street. C20 roof structure.



24. Riven timber lath and lime plaster ceiling to second floor outshut to No. 44 Thomas Street.



25. Area of C18 floorboards (blue outline) to second floor of No. 44 Thomas Street. Replacement C19 floorboards elsewhere.



26. Second floor interior of No. 42 Thomas Street, linked to No. 44. Substantial, waney (irregular) C18 roof timbers, manually hewn (confirming pre-1830s date). Chimneybreast (outlined in green).



27. Second floor interior of No. 44 Thomas Street, linked to Nos. 42 and 46. Continuation of C18 roof timbers as seen in No. 42.



28. Second floor interior of No. 46 Thomas Street, Linked to No. 44. Roof timbers concealed. C20 parquet-effect vinyl flooring conceals further C18 floorboards.



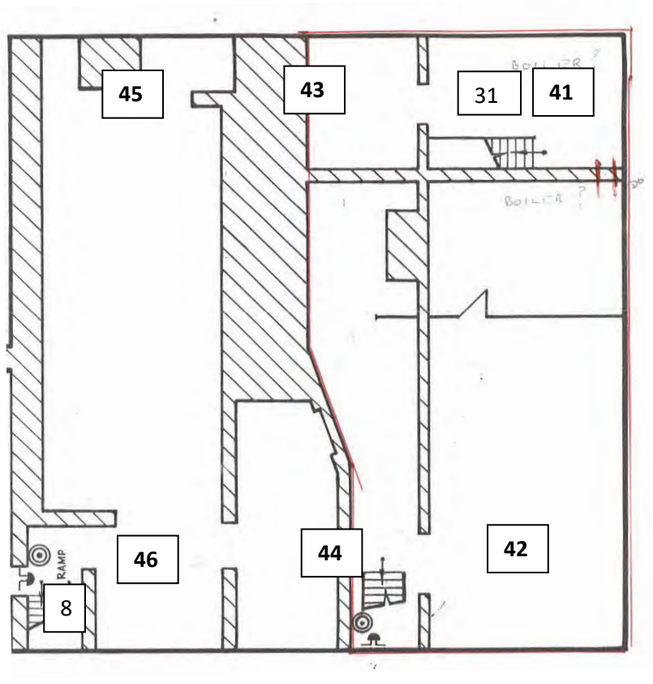
29. Typical heavily altered area of ground floor (throughout) where all six houses have been conjoined into a single shop floor space.



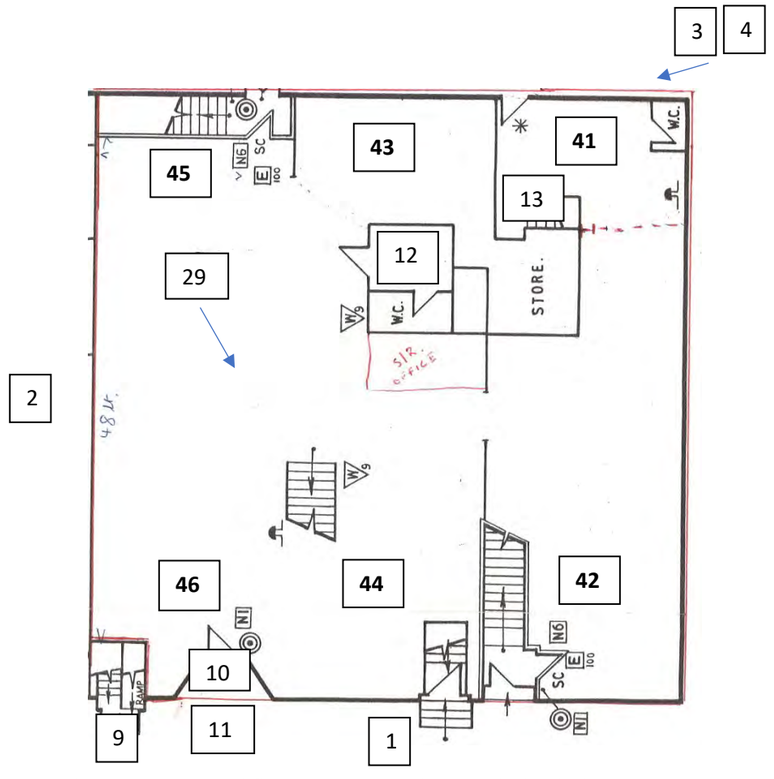
30. Typical first floor room (No. 46 Thomas Street) with few fixtures and fittings.



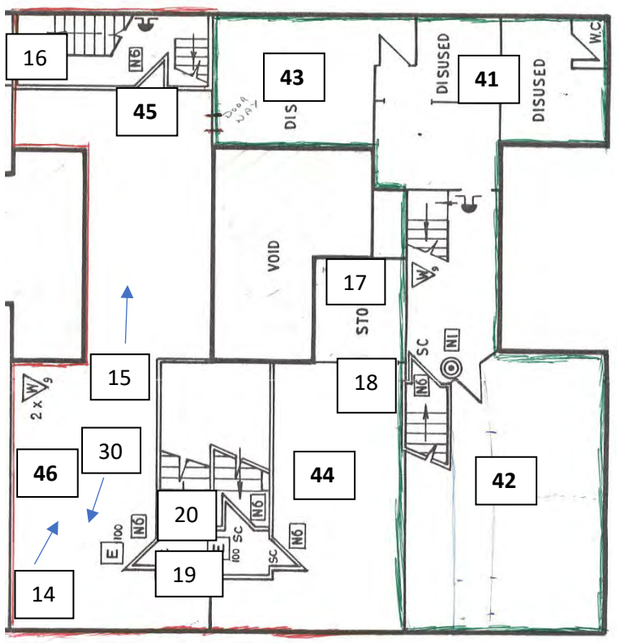
31. Basement area to No. 41 Back Turner Street with few survivals of historic material.



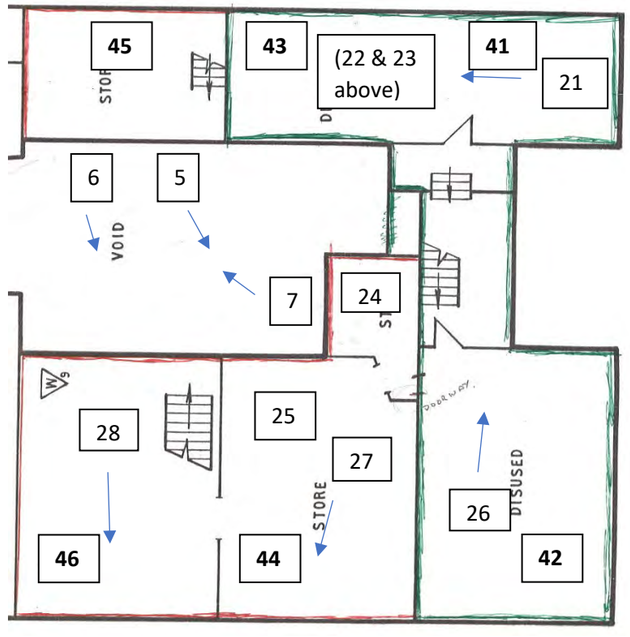
Photograph locations: Basement. House numbers added in bold text.



Photograph locations: Ground floor. House numbers added in bold text.



Photograph locations: First floor. House numbers added in bold text.



Photograph locations: Second floor. House numbers added in bold text.

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