Heritage Statement – Market St. Manchester

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Figure 1 Former Miss Selfridge retail shop

Site Address:

74-76 Market Street

Manchester

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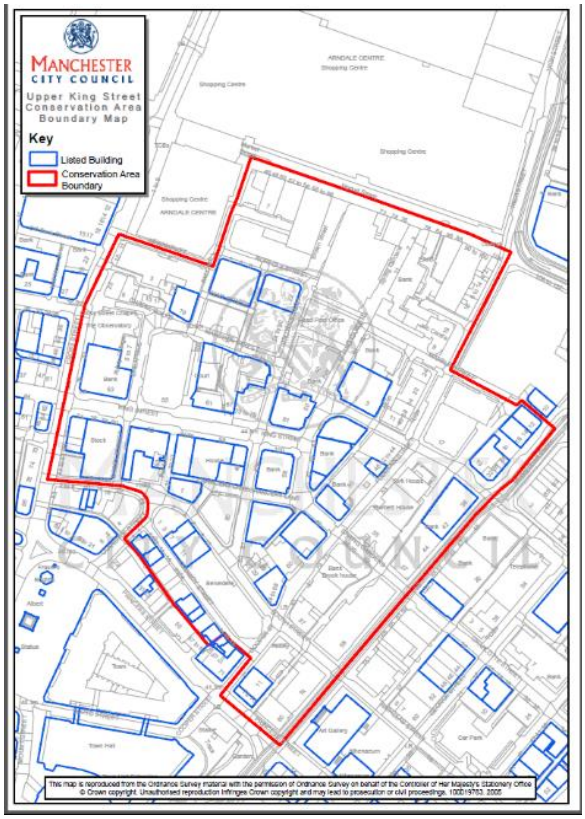
1. Introduction:

The proposals can readily be broken-down into the following components which form the content of this application:

- Former Miss Selfridge retail shop.
- Installation of new single access door with top light, located on the Spring Gardens elevation. This will provide separate, staff only, access and will prevent staff having to use the existing Barnes Street entrance, which is down a narrow alleyway.
- A separate application will be made for proposed new shopfront branding.

2. Property Description

Typical shopfront ground floor façade. Painted render to Spring Gardens elevation. Constructed in red brick with stone balustrades and sash windows to 1st floor and upwards. Located on the busy commercial area of Market Street. Previously occupied by Miss Selfridge, Nationwide Building Society have now taken over the lease.



3. Significance of Heritage Asset

The building is not listed. However, has particular architectural merit considering its location within a conservation area.

4. Contribution of its setting to that significance

The architectural character and appearance is typical of commercial buildings of this and earlier periods, signifying solidity and respectability relating to the building's use. Its location is of great significance to the buildings heritage, located within a busy commercial area and within the conservation area.

5. Design Concept

Nationwide Building Society have now taken over the lease of this property and are proposing to set up a branch at this location. As stated previously, the proposals for this application can be readily broken down into the following:

- Former Miss Selfridge retail shop.
- Installation of new single access door with top light, located on the Spring Gardens elevation. This will provide separate, staff only, access and will prevent staff having to use the existing Barnes Street entrance, which is down a narrow alleyway.
- A separate application will be made for proposed alterations to the shopfront branding.

6. Impact of the proposal on the Significance:

The works provide additional, safe, staff only access to the upper floors to support Nationwide Building Society's presence in the property. We believe the proposed works will respect the buildings original features and will not have a negative impact on the building or the surrounding area.

7. Source

http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/511/conservation_areas/916/upper_king_street_conservation_area/3

http://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/file/12696/upper_king_street_conservation_area_map