

Heritage/Justification Statement

for

'THE RED LION'

Market Place

Leek

Staffordshire

ST13 5HH

Heritage Statement for Listed Building Application for 'Blue Plaque' Scheme at The Red Lion, Market Place, Leek, Staffordshire.

Introduction

This second application for Listed Building Consent follows the recent withdrawal of a prior application for essentially the same proposals. The application was withdrawn by mutual consent to further consider the wording of the plaque and its significance.

Further discussions have taken place with the building's owner (Hyde Brewery) and the details have again been referred to the Leek and district Civic society for their considered input regarding the wording and siting.

The Red Lion Public House is situated within the Leek Central Conservation Area and is classified as a Grade II Listed Building – a copy of the listing is attached within this statement. It sits on the east side of the Market Place and is a prominent double bay fronted property.

Early photographs in the Staffordshire archives clearly show that the building was once more extensive and had stables, etc. attached where the pedestrian arch and Butter Market entrance now exist.

The property was built in the 17th century as a private dwelling and was remodelled in the early 18th century – the picture below shows a hanging sign which suggests that the property could have been an inn from about 1708?



Attached appendix 1 is a copy of the official listings page concerning the building itself.

Leek and District Civic Society have assessed this building as being an important part of Leek's built heritage and history and wish to acknowledge the fact that the building and others around it were saved from demolition in the 1980's.

Janet Broome and others spear headed opposition to the redevelopment of the central core of the town and it is this fact that the blue plaque is particularly commemorating. If it were not for people like Janet Broome there would be fewer Listed Buildings and the town's architectural history would be the poorer for it.

Proposal

The proposal is to fix a 400mm diameter, 12mm thick resin plaque using a maximum of 2 screw fixings placed within the bed joints between the bricks – its position is shown on Appendix 2, using a scaled sketch of part the buildings frontage with the plaque superimposed on it. Also attached as Appendix 3 is a hand drawn sketch elevation of part of the frontage as existing.

Appendix 4 shows the plaque to a larger scale with the suggested wording upon it.

The proposed wording of the plaque would read: **'Dating from the 17th century, The Red Lion and many other listed buildings of Leek Market Town centre, were saved from redevelopment in the 1980's by a campaign spearheaded by Janet Broome (1934-2018), to whom this plaque is dedicated.'**

Design Issues

The position of the plaque has been assessed given the existing openings and notices on the front elevation - It is felt that the fixing of the plaque in this location will not affect the significance of this listed building.

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12th March 2020

APPENDIX 1.

Entry Name: The Red Lion Hotel
Listing Date: 13 April 1951
Grade: II
Source: Historic England
Source ID: 1268575
English Heritage Legacy ID: 461660
Location: Leek, Staffordshire Moorlands, Staffordshire, ST13
County: Staffordshire
District: Staffordshire Moorlands
Civil Parish: Leek
Built-Up Area: Leek
Traditional County: Staffordshire
Lieutenancy Area (Ceremonial County): Staffordshire
Church of England Parish: Leek St Edward the Confessor
Church of England Diocese: Lichfield

Listing Text

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SJ9856NW MARKET PLACE
611-1/4/75 (East side)
13/04/51 The Red Lion Hotel

GV II

Originally built as private house, but with long history as inn. C17 core, extended and remodelled early C18. Stucco over brick and stone, roof not visible.
EXTERIOR: 3 storeys, 3-window range with central doorway flanked by full-height canted bays with 3-light stone

mullioned windows with small panes in the upper storeys. 2 and 3-light transomed casement windows over courtyard entry to right. Central door in moulded architrave with console brackets carrying entablature, and cast-iron and glass canopy incorporating lettering. Parallel rear range has C17 mullioned windows surviving in gable wall to passage, coped gable with

moulded kneelers above, and massive side wall stack. Further stack built into NE corner.
The frontage block of the hotel incorporates a 2-storeyed building of the C17, raised in height, while retaining the earlier gable structure, during the C18.
INTERIOR: not inspected.

Listing NGR: SJ9841756563



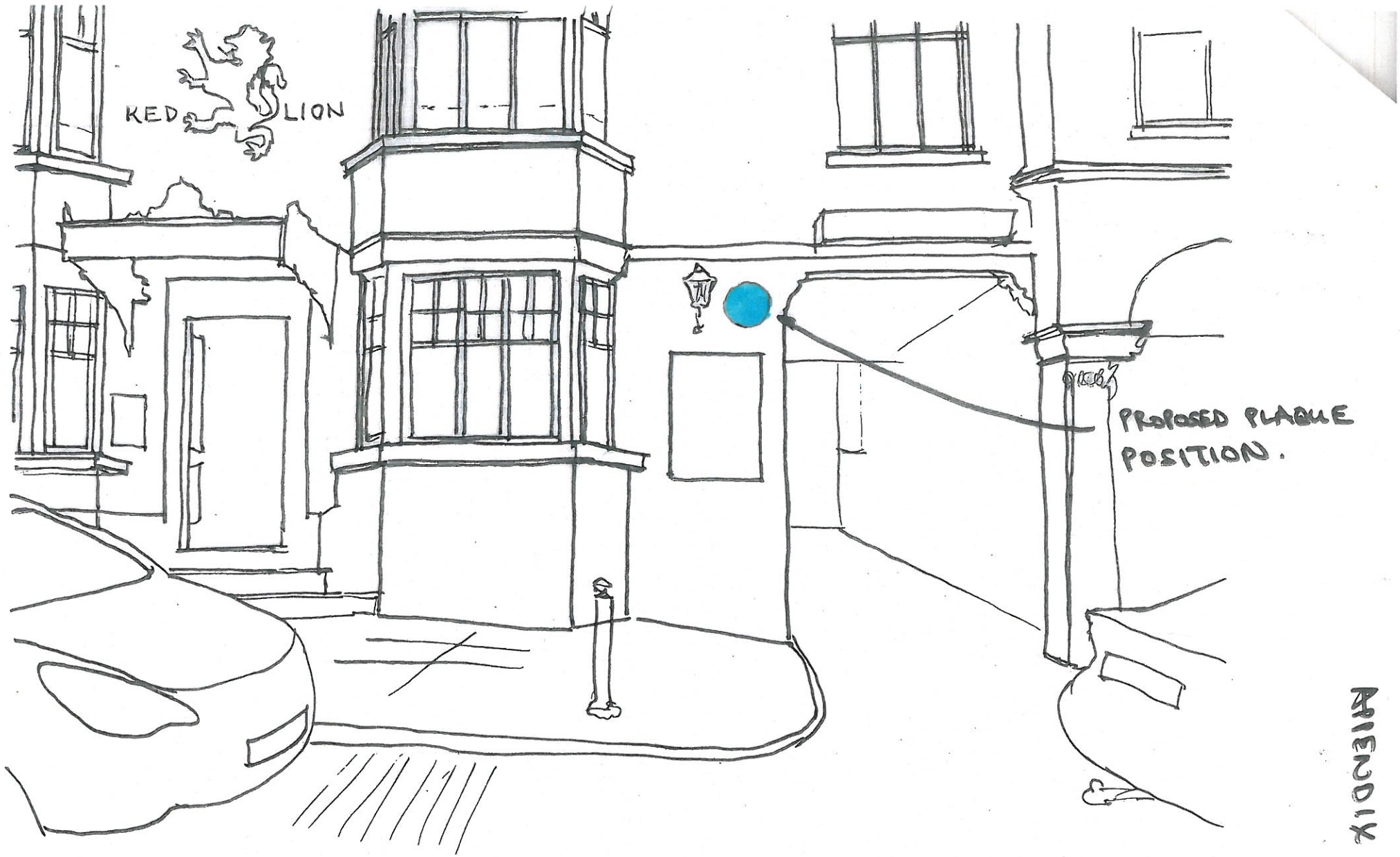
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Scale Bar 1:50 on A4 Sheet

THE RED LION, MARKET PLACE, LEEK.

ELEVATION AS EXISTING RLM963/1.

APPENDIX 2



APPENDIX W

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Scale Bar 1:50 on A4 Sheet

THE RED LION, MARKET PLACE, LEEK.
ELEVATION AS PROPOSED RUM963/2.

APPENDIX 4

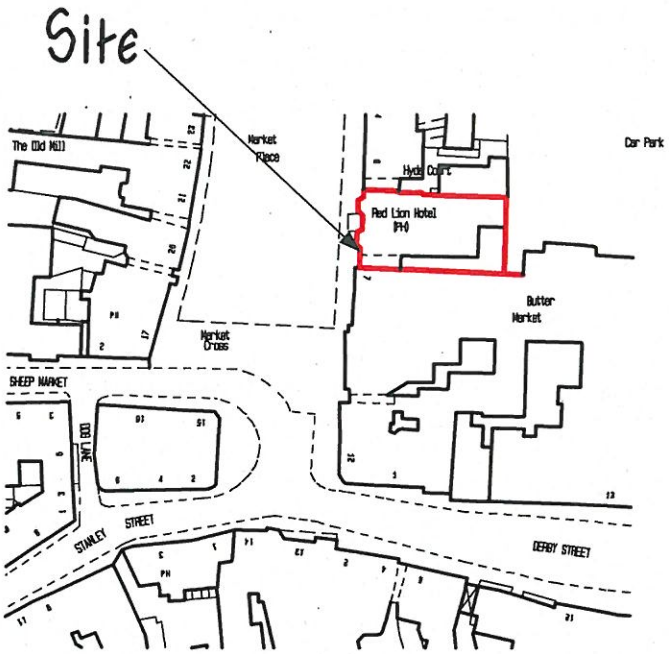


The plaque is 400mm in diameter and made of resin, being 12mm thick - there will be two number stainless steel screw fixings, using an existing bed joint between the bricks.

Wording around the side shall read 'Leek and District Civic Society' as shown. The main text will read 'Dating from the 17th century, The Red Lion and many other listed buildings of Leek Market Town Centre, were saved from redevelopment in the 1980's by a campaign spearheaded by JANET BROOME (1934-2018), to whom this plaque is dedicated.'

Font style to be Blue Plaque K-Type.

DETAILS OF PLAQUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RED LION, MARKET PLACE. RLM963/5A

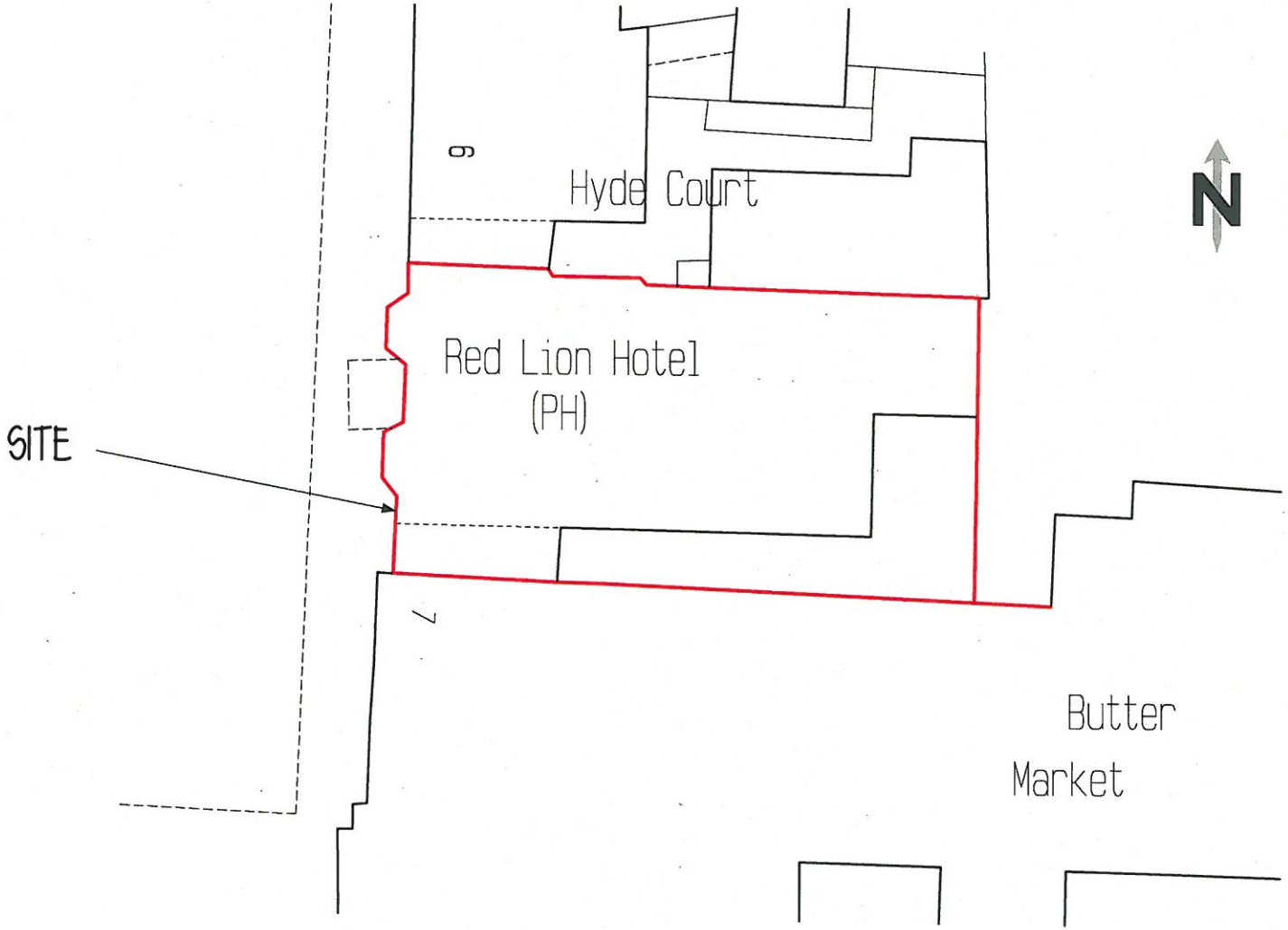


LOCATION PLAN 1:1250

THE RED LION, MARKET PLACE, LEEK - RLM963/3.

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BLOCK PLAN 1:200
THE RED LION, MARKET PLACE, LEEK - RLM963/4.

0 5 10metres
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