

Heritage Statement for:

The Maude, Clerk Bank,

Leek, Staffordshire

ST13 5HB

Heritage Statement for Listed Building Application for Defibrillator Cabinet Scheme at The Maude, Clerk Bank, Leek, Staffordshire.

Introduction

The Maude Institute is situated within the Leek Central Conservation Area and is classified as a Grade II Listed building – a copy of this listing is attached within this statement. It sits slightly elevated above Mill Street at the end of a vista of Grade II listed properties comprising Nos. 2-4, a short terrace of 16th Century cottages, Clerk Bank House a late 18th Century town house and the adjoining former Grammar School built in 1723.

Rev. B. Maude established an institute at the old grammar school on Clerk Bank in 1895 comprising of a working men's club and a young men's union. The following year he put the building in the hands of trustees and the institute became known as the Maude Church Institute for both men and women attending St. Edward's Church. The parishioners raised £191 in support of Maude's work and this money was used to pay off the mortgage on the institute. In the mid 1970s the building was enlarged and became a venue for several voluntary organisations.

Proposal

The proposal is to install a yellow 465x435x240mm polycarbonate community public access defibrillator cabinet and associated sponsor board onto the wall of the Westerly side entrance at a height of approximately 1.5m from the ground. The position is shown using a photograph with the location indicated by a yellow square of equivalent dimensions.

The cabinet will contain a small heater, powered via an RCD protected supply from inside the building through an access point, and a portable automated external defibrillator. Access to the cabinet will be restricted via a combination keypad whereby the code is registered with West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS).

Design Issues

The location for the defibrillator cabinet has been identified following 'best practice' advice from the NHS:

- Somewhere that is clearly visible and easily recognisable
- Somewhere well lit so that people can see the cabinet and lock mechanism
- Somewhere with an accessible power supply
- Somewhere covered by CCTV
- Somewhere not already covered by an existing defibrillator installation.

By locating the cabinet on the Westerly aspect of the building, overlooking the existing car parking area, this avoids any visual impact upon the South facing Clerk Bank aspect and neighbouring properties, all of which are Grade II listed. It is felt that this location fulfils the recommendations of the NHS for the functional role of the defibrillator cabinet, retains the existing amenity for occupants of The Maude while not affecting the significance of the listed building and adjacent properties.

The 24/7 defibrillator will protect residents within a 500m radius of the installation site, ready for deployment authorisation by WMAS 999 agents as a response to out of hospital cardiac arrests.

Listed Building Entry:

SJ9856NW CLERK BANK
611-1/4/46 (North side)
Maude Institute

GV II

Institute. Datestone of 1896, but the building itself early C19. Brick with stone quoins and Welsh slate roof.
EXTERIOR: 2 storeys, 2-window range with central entrance.
Central steep pointed archway with clustered shafts todoorway, and interlaced glazing in fanlight. Similar glazing in 42-pane sash windows each side, and in upper 9-pane sash windows. Quatrefoil stone panel over doorway records: 'This building was presented for the use of the parish church of St Edward, Leek, by a few parishioners as a memento of the Rev. C.B. Maude's vicariate, August 1896'.
2-window return in similar style, then recessed 2-window range wing, built as a separate phase.
INTERIOR: not inspected.
Included for historical and group value.

Listing NGR: SJ9819556628



Proposed location for the defibrillator cabinet.



