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Heritage Statement

Proposed First Floor Extension to rear

at

31 High Street, Prescott

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Introduction

This application is for the extension of 31 High Street, Prescott to create a first floor extension to create additional office space

Existing Building.

31 High Street is a two storey pitched slate roof building with a single storey flat roof extension to the rear of the building that forms the garage area to the building. The building is a mixture of brick, painted brickwork and render to the rear. The windows are upvc. The existing doors are upvc and timber with metal roller shutters.

Externally the building has a tarmac pavement to the front entrance, to the side there is a tarmac pavement, with a rear tarmac parking area.

Internally the building is mainly plasterboard walls with no obviously original features exposed.

The proposed extension to the rear will form a waiting area. A new steel fire door is to be added to the existing fire exit to enhance security.

The windows to the building are to be white upvc to complement the current windows. It is also intended to finish the building in render to replicate brickwork to match the existing building.

The existing building has a mixture of construction elements and no particular style is outstanding. The surrounding buildings have a mixture of stone, render and traditional brickwork elevations. The proposals are minor in their scale in comparison to the existing building and will only have a positive impact upon the access and egress to the building and also add to the already vibrant village centre.

Historical context within the conservation area and the proposal impact upon this.

Knowsley Councils Character Appraisal states that the area of Prescott High Street conservation area has the following merits from a conservation point of view.

- Medieval street layout with some narrow alleys connecting Eccleston Street with High Street
- Commercial core of Prescott with a number of shops and offices
- No. 30 Eccleston Street is an ornate timber-framed property dating to the early 17th Century
- No. 9 Market Place is listed grade II for the survival of a late 17th Century watchmaker's workshop behind it
- Atherton Street retains the best preserved streetscape, and No. 17 is listed because it retains a watchmaker's workshop
- Good views westwards towards St Mary's Church • Some high quality paving details using natural stone

The proposed extension to the rear of 31 High Street, is simple in nature and created with sympathetic detail to the proposed windows including stone cills and head. The roof is proposed to be slate to match the existing roof construction. The wall finished is proposed to be render scored out to imitate brick. This is in order to get an accurate colour match to the existing brick finish.