

HERITAGE STATEMENT



Image 1: Existing Site



Image 2: Aerial view of existing site

This statement is prepared by DV8 Designs on behalf of the client Greene King that seeks Full Planning approval within a conservation area at The Eagle and Child in respect of the in the form of enhancing the general access and appearance to the site boundary.

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01 INTRODUCTION

This Heritage Statement is made in support of the Planning Application for The Eagle and Child, Halewood and takes into consideration the impact that the works on this property will have on the building within the Conservation Area.

The application site is recognised as a key historic building with special historic and architectural significance and is situated wholly within the Halewood Village Conservation Area.

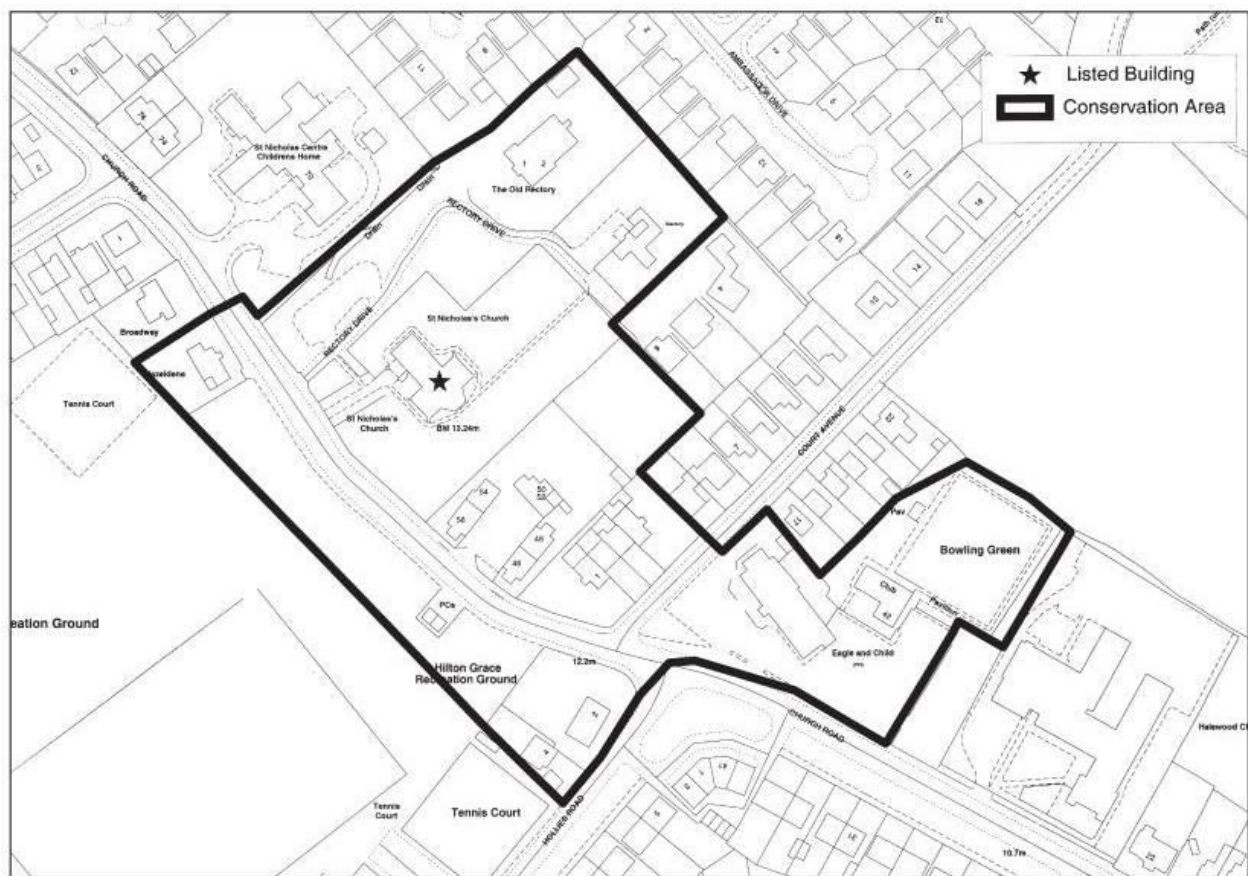


Image 3: A Map showing the extent of the Halewood Village Conservation Area.

02 BRIEF HISTORY

Halewood Village Conservation Area retains the character of a Victorian village with its open aspects, green areas and well-spaced buildings. The Conservation Area includes a Victorian ecclesiastical group of buildings located adjacent to an earlier inn and cottages. The area was originally part of Hale, though the two townships had separated by the 15th Century.

At present the Eagle and Child operates as a public house and has done for many years dating back to the late 17th Century. The entrance leads to a multi-roomed traditional pub with food service, with a bar and kitchen which serves all the rooms, providing a key service to the local community. The name Eagle and Child derives from the crest of the Stanley's, Earls of Derby, and their ancestors the Lathom family.

Historically it is evident on the Tithe Map of Hale, Plot 368, the Eagle and Child is located at the junction of Church Road and Court Avenue. It is one of the earliest buildings that features prominently with a now redundant brewery. The Eagle & Child used to be thatched and incorporated a smithy and a room for cockfights. The Eagle and Child has since changed its name to the Reverend Plummer in the early 2000's, but has since recently reverted back to its original name.

Local Area and Key Buildings

Hale's Wood was felled by the 16th Century and had become the largest township in Childwall Parish. The three main areas were Halewood Green, Halewood Lane Ends and Halebank.

The area known as Halewood Lane Ends evolved into Halewood Village and the church of St. Nicholas was built in 1839. The church was significantly altered in 1847 and the tower and bells were later additions in 1883. The village school was built next door to the church in 1876.

The first group of buildings consists of the old rectory, vicarage, old school and Hazeldene Cottage. The buildings are constructed of sandstone which was sourced from Woolton Quarry and are set in a pleasant well treed environment.

The second group of buildings consists of the Eagle and Child Inn, the Bowling Club, the Hollies and Pear Tree Cottage. On the corner of Court Avenue and Church Road are four attached, late 19th Century black and white Tudor style cottages that retain much of their original character. St. Nicholas Church is a Gothic style, Grade II Listed Building and displays pew boxes and stained glass designed by William Morris. The old rectory has an attractive late Georgian frontage and retains the original pattern of windows.



Image 4 & 5: Photo taken of The Eagle and Child Inn c. 1976 & 1998 respectively.



Image 6 & 7: Sketch of St. Nicholas Church c.1839 and a photograph of St. Nicholas Church c.1976 respectively.

03 EXISTING STRUCTURE

The original building is made up of two storeys, originally built out of brick with timber framed single glazed windows, its character is now identified with white render and black painted windows and sills to replicate a Tudor style building. In the late 1990's a single storey extension was erected which is now used as the restaurant area within the public house.

Internally the pub is a multi-roomed traditional pub with food service, The pub has a traditional feel to it with original features in the bar areas including low ceilings, exposed beams and fireplace. The single storey extension which was erected in the 1970's consists of a high-pitched ceiling and exposed beams to the interior paying homage to the original building whilst the exterior replicates the current Tudor style design to ensure it does not look out of place.

Refurbished internally in 2019, this excellent pub is popular with all ages within the local community and neighbouring communities. This traditional pub is pivotal amongst the local community, as it the main go to for eating and drinking establishment for the village.



Image 8: Former Reverend Plummer original building c.2020



Image 9: Former Reverend Plummer with single storey extension c.2020

04 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

1972-100 – Existing Plan
1972-102 – Proposed Plan
1972-201A – Boundary Fence Elevations
1972-LOC-1C – Location Plan & Site Plan
1972 - Design & Access Statement
1972 – Heritage Statement (this document)

Any subsequent revisions/amendments requested by either the client, applicant or local authority, subject to discussion, will be issued to relevant parties if or when they are compiled.

05 THE PROPOSALS

As part of the application this Heritage Statement is to ensure that the works do not affect the nature of the conservation area and the building itself.

The proposal affects the site boundary only. However, the new proposals aim to retain as much of the original building's character as possible, in order to protect the heritage assets of the building and local area itself.

The proposal is focusing on improving the appearance to the site boundary as well as access and safety to the pub car park

Form new fencing to site boundary; block up secondary car park entry with new fencing and existing concrete collards to receive new solid timber sleeves with hit and miss timber fencing between. All fencing to be painted.



Image 10: Photo of existing single storey extension c.2020 – this section will be cladded in Waney edge timber boarding – design intent image shown on Drawing 202 – External Details

06 CONCLUSION

The proposal for the property is a permanent solution to assist in refurbishing a much-loved local pub's external area and boundary demise.

The idea behind the current scheme is to improve the site access and overall appearance of the boundary.

As well as the benefits to customers safety in adapting this space, the proposal also seeks to sympathetically slot into the fabric of the existing building and conservation area landscape.

The appearance of the existing property has been examined, and as well as the functionality of the property it is important that the tenant and applicant can achieve what works for them to ensure the property provides a safe space.

As part of the design process we have been sympathetic to the site and its surroundings in terms of siting, scale, design, materials and preservation of views and features that contribute to the character and appearance.

The overall footprint of the premises will not be altered. All alterations proposed to the property are within the site boundary, and do not exceed the existing boundary wall or impede or disturb the residents in the neighbouring properties.

In our opinion the works will improve the current situation. Enhancing the pubs external area and improving the site access to the premises.

To conclude, the proposal has been designed with the existing historical building in mind. All elements of the works have been designed to be sympathetic to the existing character of the building, whilst improving site access to the boundary line from a Health and Safety, and security perspective. We feel that these works do not appear to affect or lessen the building or the conservation area.

** We trust this statement clearly states the intention of the application and satisfies your requirements. However, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries in connection with the application.*