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PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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PM3409 Listed Building Consent to 6 The Square.

Heritage Statement



Listing Details:

BUXTON

SK0573NE THE SQUARE
616-1/3/85 (East side)
25/01/51 Nos.1-6 (Consecutive)

GV II*

Six apartments, now offices and flats. 1803-06, with C20 alterations. By John White. Ashlar gritstone with ashlar dressings and Westmoreland slate hipped roof with grouped stone stacks with caps.
EXTERIOR: 3 storeys. First-floor band and eaves band with moulded cornice. Main, north-west front has 16 windows. Ground floor has open arcade of 16 round arches with impost blocks, inner set back 14-window facade has 3 irregularly placed doorways with 6 panel doors with original door fittings and overlights, plus 11 glazing bar sashes. Above 16 glazing bar sashes, and above again 16 smaller glazing bar sashes, one blind. South-west front has 10 windows, identical to north-west front though with 2 doors and 7 windows to set back ground floor.
North-east side also has 10 windows, identical to north-west side, though with a single door and 8 windows to set back ground floor, upper floors also have various blind windows. Rear extended and altered late C20.
INTERIOR: of Nos 4 & 6 retain central hall with staircase

rising from rear. Folding shutters survive to the first floor rear of No.4. Doors are in moulded surrounds.

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History

Between 1803 and 1806 the architects John White & Sons drew plans for improvements of Buxton which included The Square - designed as a group of lodging houses.

No. 6 is most notable as the house occupied by Buxton's most eminent medical specialist, Dr. William Henry Robertson (1810-1897) who lived and had consulting rooms here for more than 35 years. He lived in 3 different houses in The Square but by 1861 was living and practising at No. 6 where he remained until his death in 1897.

The house has been used during the 20th century for a range of uses mainly residential. Sleeping accommodation has been provided on the upper two floors.
The current use is a tearoom on the ground floor, with residential use on the upper floors. Immediately prior to this the ground and first floors were used as a restaurant, with living accommodation above. Recently approvals were granted and work provided to improve the terrace.

Statement of Significance and Impact

The application effectively changes the use from a private dwelling, to one where the rooms are rented as bed and breakfast rooms, all supported from the existing tea rooms, and out of hours through an arrangement from the adjacent hotel. The use will have no impact on the building. The use is consistent with the mix of commercial/residential use that has existed since the building was first constructed.

There are no works to be carried out internally or externally and therefore there is no impact on the fabric of the building, or likely to influence the settings or reasons for listing. There will be no change to the external area, or impact on the area.

There is no change to the staircase identified in the listing document.

No changes are required to any of the fire detectors, compartments or escape routes.

The change of use will give benefit to tourism and provides an historic setting for guests.

For these reasons it is clear that the change of use will have no impact on the historic fabric of the area.