

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

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Hinckley Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

Photographic Record 5 - Station Road



22 Station Road was originally built as the town's post office. This two and half storey office block is an imposing building and an important heritage asset sited on the corner of Station Road and Lancaster Road. The curved ground floor window lintols and the corner parapet detail are very distinctive features. Unfortunately the building has lost several of its original chimneys.



The northern section of the building was constructed with an overhanging roof and the ground floor was unfortunately rendered which detracts from the appearance of the building.



18/20 Station Road is a low key infill development that successfully links the former post office with the adjacent three story building. It is unfortunate that roller shutters have been fitted which have caused modern projecting shop fascias to be introduced above the traditional shop fronts.



16 Station Road, although having an unbalanced elevation, is quite an attractive building and an important heritage asset mainly because of its hanging first floor bay window and roof level gablet. The central entrance door gives access to the first floor offices. It is believed that the shop window is a later addition.



10-14 Station Road is a fine example of an Edwardian shopping complex and an important heritage asset. It includes standardized shop fronts, recessed balconies with decorative cast iron railings and twin flush gables.



This detail picture of the gable on 12 Station Road highlights the designer's interest in stonework details which includes the decorative date stone, volutes and cornice.



8 Station Road includes a feature turret structure on the corner of the building. Corner features occur frequently on traditional buildings in the town centre.



View looking westwards down The Horsefair. The buildings on the two corners of this street form a strong sense of enclosure and direct the view towards the former liberty hosiery factory at the end of the street.



4a-6a Station Road has suffered from inappropriate changes to the street elevation because its appearance originally included three 2 storey glazed screens. Although it now includes traditional features such as sash windows and recessed shop entrances, the painted brickwork is unfortunate and it does not have the elegance of the original structure.



4 Station Road has a simple elevation that includes a cart entrance and shop front with recessed entrance that adds character to this part of the street and is an important heritage asset.



The HSBC bank on the corner of the Market Place is a grand building which has many fine details and forms a significant end to Station Road. This street is one of the most interesting in the town centre and is an important heritage asset in the Conservation Area. It is essential that none of the buildings are lost to redevelopment in the future.



The public toilets, although performing a useful function, has replaced an architecturally very significant community billiard hall. The current building is out of scale with other buildings in the street.



This former Council office building has many striking architectural features, particularly its gables which are landmark features in the street.



The elevation of the former Council offices which faces the car park has been modified with the addition of inappropriate extensions and a steel escape staircase. The appearance of the building, which is listed, would be improved if the boundary fence was replaced with a brick wall.



The entrance to the former council offices is a significant architectural feature in the street.



St Mary's school is a Gothic revival building that adds significant character to the street and its tower ensures the building successfully turns the corner with a structure of note.



The north-west corner of the school, although providing a small garden for public use, has a very uncomfortable appearance because it fails to link the new structure to the old.