

Photographic Record

York Hotel - St Mary Street, Cardiff

November 2017

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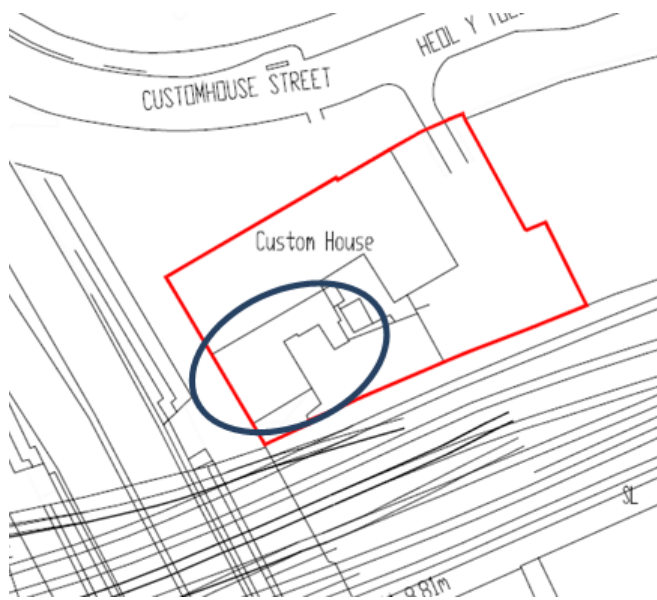
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(I) Introduction

This photographic record has been prepared by Turley Heritage on behalf of LEOM LLP (Cardiff), with regard to the Former York Hotel, St Mary Street, Cardiff.



Site plan of the Cardiff Custom House and Former York Hotel (the latter is circled in blue)

The building is in a parlous condition. As such, this photographic record comprises a record of the exterior of the building only. This is consistent with the requirements of condition 24 of the planning permission (ref: 17/01907/MJR.)

The photographic survey of the Former York Hotel has been undertaken using an Olympus Stylus 1 Camera and includes, a Site plan of the building, general photographs of the accessible external elevations, the relationship of the building to its context, and record of relevant architectural details. This is consistent with the requirements of a Level 1 Record, as specified by relevant Historic England guidance.

Context

Planning permission (ref:17/01907/MJR) and listed building consent (ref:17/01907/MJR) have been granted by Cardiff Council for the re-development of the Cardiff Custom House Site, which includes the former York Hotel.

As a result of the grant of planning permission and listed building consent (refs: 17/01907/MJR and 17/01907/MJR), this photographic record has been prepared as part of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), as required by the condition 24, of the planning permission.

The York Hotel is not a statutorily listed building. The building is not formerly identified as a non-designated historic asset by the Council and is not located within a conservation area. It is however, an element of the setting of the grade II listed Former Custom House. Accordingly, it has been determined that it is necessary to mitigate the impact arising from the demolition of the former York Hotel through the preparation of a proportionate photographic record of its exterior

The Former York Hotel is of comparatively minor architectural and historic interest, as a good example of a late 19th century commercial building, constructed for use as a hotel/PH along the East Canal Wharf of the former Glamorganshire Canal. The building has, however been derelict for several years and is in a very poor condition. This has had a significant negative impact on the architectural and historic interest of the building.

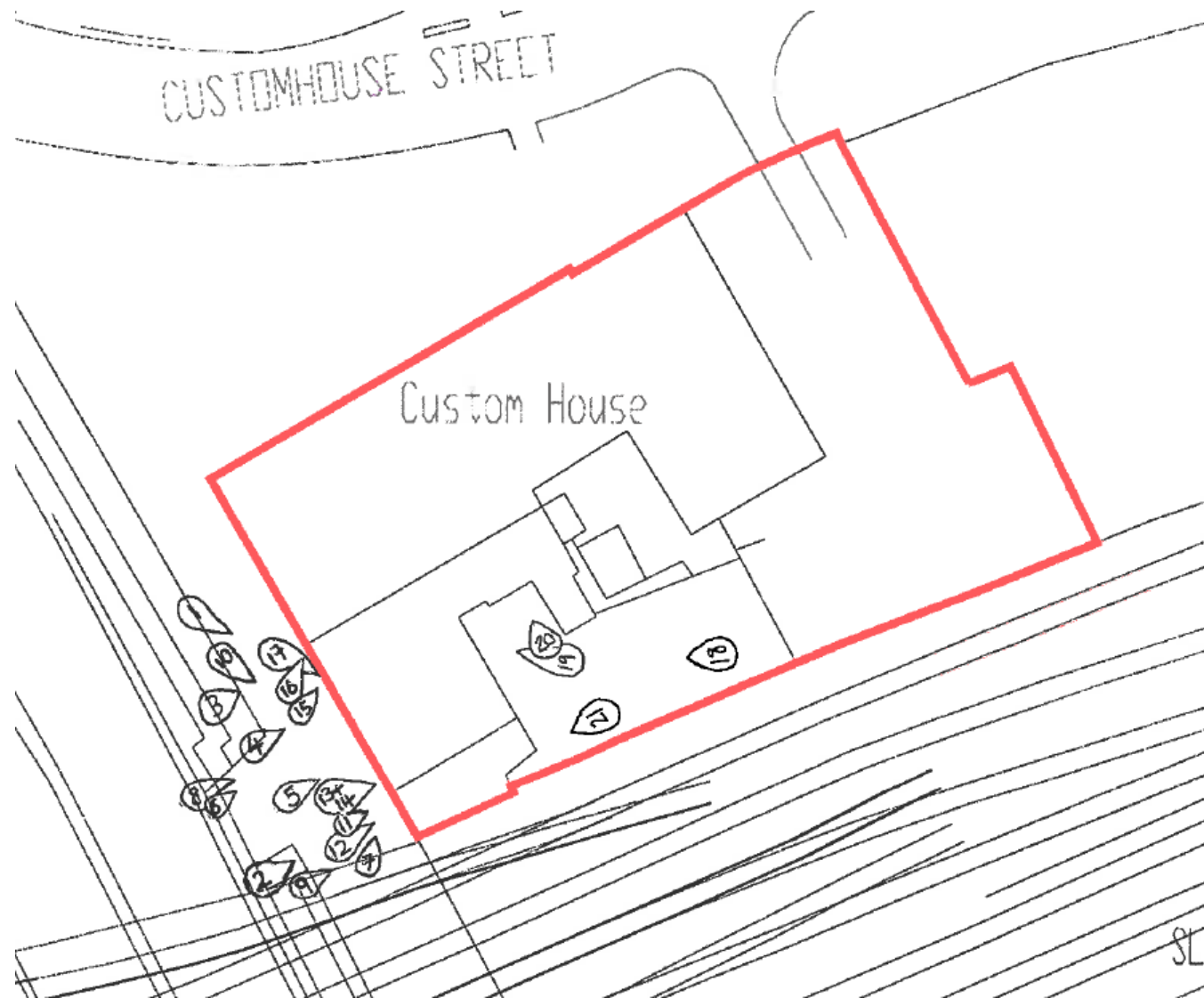
Survey

The survey contains images of the western and eastern elevations of the exterior of the building only. This is due to the accessibility issues of the Site. The north and south flanks of the building abut the railway viaduct and the Cardiff Custom House. As such these elevations are not visible.

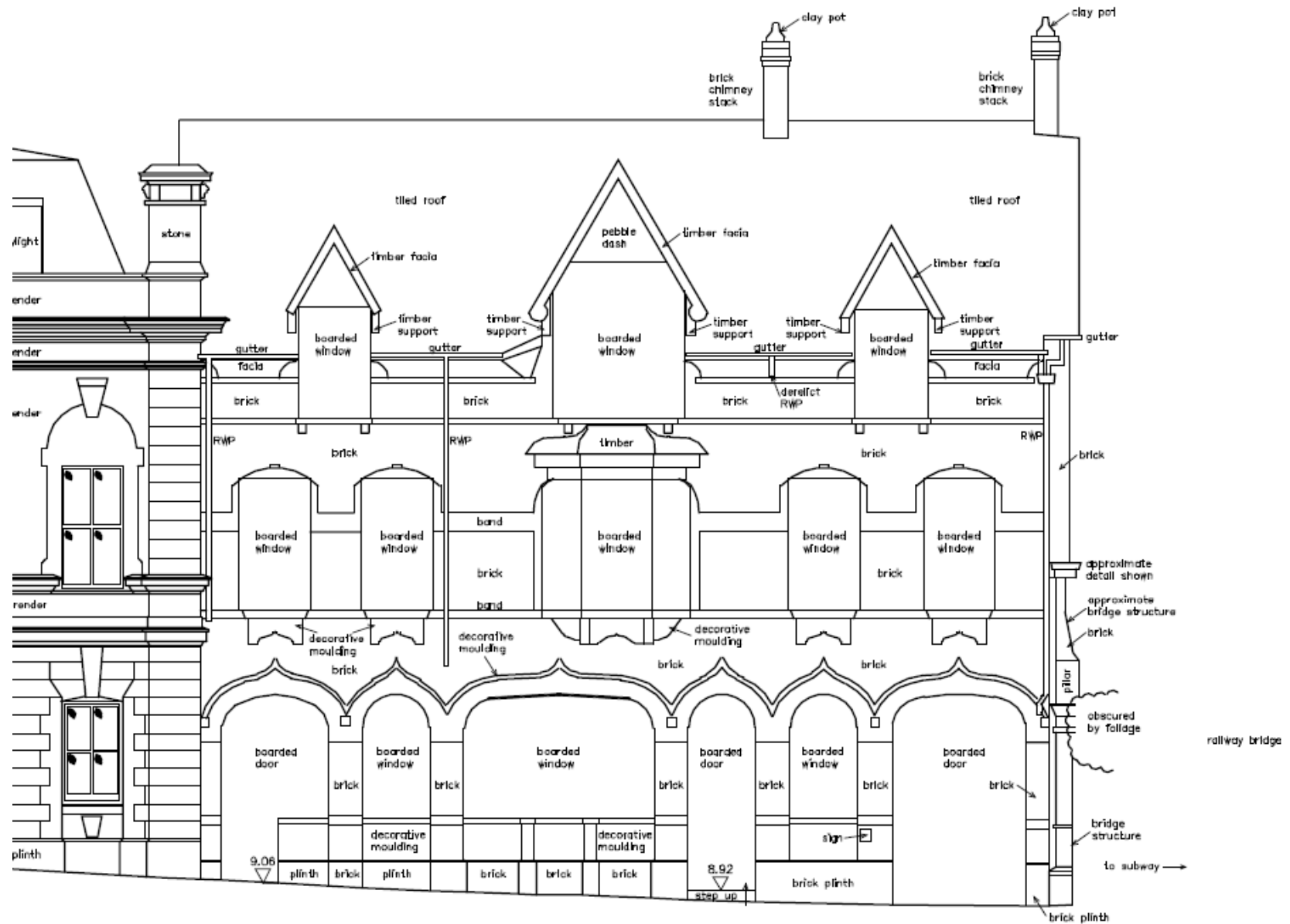
The building is in an advanced state of decay/decline. As such, the parlous condition of the interior of the building, precludes its examination, and so only an external survey of the building was taken.

(II) Photographic Survey

Existing External Plan: Photograph Locations



Annotated plan of the Western Elevation



External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	01
Photo Location	West Elevation.
Details	Three storey building, as viewed from the north west corner of the Site, showing the principal front elevation. Frontage is comprised of red brick, with stucco details, and a pitched slate roof. There are six ground floor openings, 4 windows at first floor level with a shallow canted bay window centrally placed at first floor level, and 3 gabled dormers at roof level, covered in slate tiles.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	02
Photo Location	West elevation.
Details	View of the western elevation of the building, from the south east. View shows the coved eaves cornice with name and date in plaster work, and second floor level. Two pairs of timber sash windows are visible at first floor, with a canted bay window placed centrally between them. Red brick stucco ornamentation. At ground floor, openings are contained in ogee arches /surrounds with mask consoles and spandrel panels.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	03
Photo Location	West elevation: ground floor openings on the west side of the front elevation.
Details	Ground floor opening vary in size, but are each have ogee arched heads/windows/door surrounds. Below each of the windows is a stone cill, which ran across the brick work but has been damaged in some places and lost. Decorative rectangular aprons are seen below the cills.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	04
Photo Location	Exterior west elevation: ground floor openings looking towards the centre/east side of the front elevation.
Details	Openings are irregular in size. Each opening is topped with an ogee arch. A single doorway is shown, in this view, with a stone entrance step, whilst the windows have stone cills and aprons beneath. Two long metal pegs extend from the wall above the widest window and may have been used for hanging signage or for lighting.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	05
Photo Location	Exterior west elevation: ground floor openings on the east side of the front elevation.
Details	Two entranceways are located on the east side of this elevation, with a small window situated in-between. The doors and window are topped with ogee arches, and the window has a stone cill below with a decorative apron.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	06
Photo Location	West Elevation: first floor level.
Details	View of central cambered window supported by moulded plaster console brackets, and flanked by two pairs of smaller windows. Window surrounds have central stylized keystone and aprons with ogee motifs. The windows are joined together by plaster detailing to form a string course. The eaves band is marked: 'AD YORK HOTEL 1890.', seen at roof level.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	07
Photo Location	West Elevation: first floor.
Details	Cambered central window with a dentilled cornice above. Below are two rounded console brackets (a type of S-shaped corbel). The windows either side are framed by gentle depressed stone arches and central keystones. All three windows have aprons, which echo the ogee arches below. The window surrounds are also linked to form a string course.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	08
Photo Location	Exterior West Elevation: first floor windows.
Details	View of the central cambered window and smaller flanking windows on the east side of the front elevation. Cambered window and the two smaller flanking windows are connected by a string course, and all three have aprons below. A down pipe is situated to the right of the two smaller windows. The left downpipe has been lost.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	09
Photo Location	West Elevation: first floor.
Details	View of the first floor flanking windows on the east side of the west elevation. The windows are 2 over 2 timber sash windows, framed by gentle depressed stone arches, which run into the string course, and central keystones. Below the windows are aprons which echo the ogee arches at ground floor level. Metal frames are also seen on the exterior of the windows. A down pipe is situated to the right of the windows. The left hand downpipe has been lost , but the imprint is still seen in the brick work.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	10
Photo Location	Exterior west elevation: second floor.
Details	Dormer windows at roof level are seen, with patterned barge board gable, of rough cast render. The eaves band is marked: 'AD YORK HOTEL 1890.', and is seen to run through the lower section of the dormer windows. Below the windows are two squared console brackets .

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	11
Photo Location	West Elevation: architectural detail.
Details	View of the stucco ogee arch and decorative corbel head, ground floor. The corbel is made of sandstone, which is eroding.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	12
Photo Location	West elevation.
Details	Decorative stone corbel head, ground floor.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	13
Photo Location	West elevation: architectural detail.
Details	View of stucco ogee arch, with one intact and one lost, decorative corbel head, ground floor.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	14
Photo Location	West elevation: architectural detail.
Details	Decorative stone corbel head, showing a heavily moustached man, with shoulder moulds , ground floor.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	15
Photo Location	West elevation: architectural detail.
Details	Irregular stucco ogee arches, and intact decorative corbel head.

External Views: West elevation



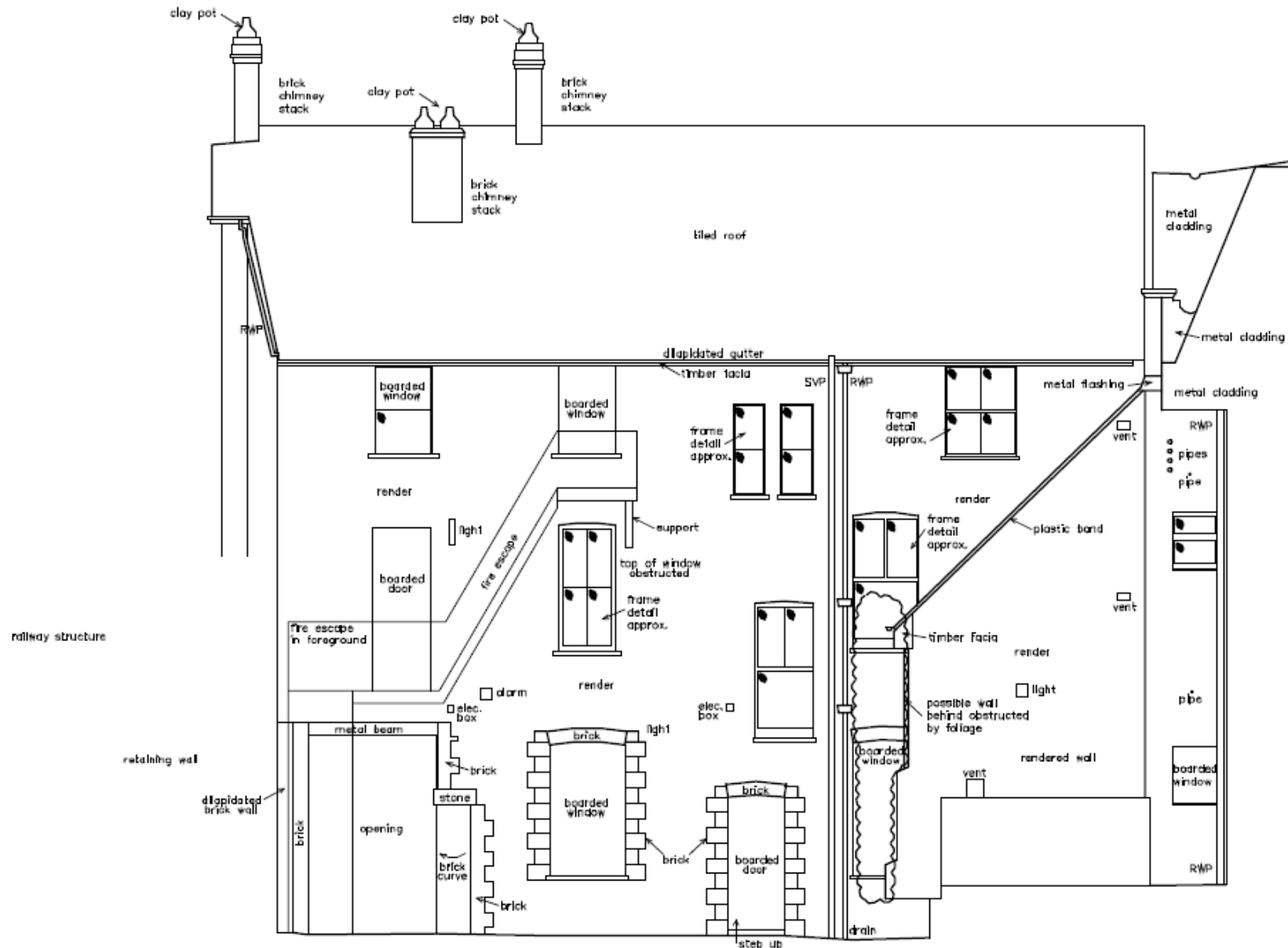
Photo ref	16
Photo Location	West elevation: architectural detail.
Details	Damaged stucco corbel on the western most arch, ground floor.

External Views: West elevation



Photo ref	17
Photo Location	West elevation : architectural detail.
Details	Decorative corbel, head with shoulder mould, at ground floor. Sandstone material is eroding. Modern security camera situated directly below.

Annotated plan of the Eastern Elevation



External Views: East elevation



Photo ref	18
Photo Location	East Elevation.
Details	View of the rear elevation of the building comprised of plastered/rendered, with an irregular fenestration pattern of varied timber sash windows. Remains of foliage are seen on this elevation. A 20th century metal staircase is situated on the left side of the elevation, which leads up to the third floor. The pitched slate roof can be seen, with three remaining brick chimney stacks. The wing of the building is also situated on the eastern side of the rear. It is a two storey rendered structure, with a mono-pitched roof.

External Views: East elevation



Photo ref	19
Photo Location	East Elevation
Details	View of the wing adjoining the main section of the hotel. Slate roof can be seen on the wing and part of the irregular fenestration pattern.

External Views: East elevation



Photo ref	20
Photo Location	East Elevation.
Details	End of the wing showing slate tiled roof and ancillary structure.

External Views: East elevation



Photo ref	21
Photo Location	East elevation.
Details	Partial view of the southern elevation of the building rising above the viaduct. Red brick chimney stack is shown.

Appendix 1: Historic photographs of the Former York Hotel

References for historic photographs:

- **Design and Access Statement 2017 by Holder Mathias Architects**
- **Heritage Impact Statement Addendum for the Former Custom House and Former York Hotel PH, Custom House Street and St Mary Street, Cardiff, October 2017**
- **Cardiff Council Image Collection - <http://ishare.cardiff.gov.uk/mycardiff.aspx>**



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1920's



1920's




1950's


Appendix 2: Agreed WSI & Confirmation email from Cardiff Council




Confirmation Email from Cardiff Council



Former York Hotel: Draft Written Scheme of Investigation

 Marc Timlin

Sent: Mon 06/11/2017 14:04

To:  RCannon@cardiff.gov.uk

Cc:  Huw Jones;  Hebe Hicks;  'Lawrence Dowdall (Cardiff Council (Cardiff))'

 Message  Former York Hotel Draft Written Scheme of Investigation.pdf (419 KB)

Ross,

I hope this email finds you well.

Further to our discussions regarding a condition to secure an external photographic survey of the Former York Hotel (draft Condition 24, I believe), the applicant has instructed us to undertake the necessary baseline work to ensure that we can complete the record promptly, in the event that planning permission and listed building consent are granted.

This is important to the applicant given the significant programme constraints imposed by Network Rail regarding the timeframes to undertake work in proximity to the railway viaduct (this is explained in more detail in the recent prior approval application).

Accordingly, in order to assist the Council in determining an eventual formal submission to discharge Condition 24, we have prepared a draft Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), which I attach to this email.

We would include the agreed WSI as an Appendix to the Photographic Survey formally submitted to discharge the condition but thought it prudent to agree the scope and detail of the survey at this stage, prior to beginning work.

I appreciate that the draft WSI has been prepared on the basis of the draft wording of Condition 24 and that if this is subject to change, we would need to reflect on this and potentially update the WSI accordingly. Moreover, it is understood that discussions regarding the draft Condition 24 does not prejudice the Council's position in determining the current applications.

Would it be possible for you to review the draft WSI and let me know whether the Council would be happy for us to proceed in preparing an external Photographic Survey on that basis?


Please do let me know if you have any comments.


Kind regards

Marc


Confirmation Email from Cardiff Council




RE: Former York Hotel: Draft Written Scheme of Investigation



 Cannon, Ross <RCannon@cardiff.gov.uk>

 You replied to this message on 09/11/2017 09:59.

Sent: Mon 06/11/2017 16:56

To:  Marc Timlin

Cc:  Huw Jones;  Hebe Hicks;  Dowdall, Lawrence

 Message  HER Requirements for the Deposition of Data and associated Guidelines.docx (1 MB)

Thanks for this Marc

I am content with the approach, but could you please ensure that the agreed record is archived at the National Monuments Record held by RCAHMMW (it could also be sent to Glamorgan Archives as you note). Receipt of acceptance to the NMR will allow us to fully discharge the condition.

I attach their guidance to ensure that it can be deposited swiftly.

Regards

Ross Cannon

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