

Online Comment

Application H16-0148-24
Location YE OLDE WHITE HORSE 2 CHURCH GATE SPALDING PE11 2RA
Proposal Removal of the paint from the exterior masonry walls, replacement of 1 window & replacement/works to a further window & general restoration & repairs

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For/Against Comments

May we have clarification as to what is proposed with regards to after the removal of the paint and necessary repointing referred to at point 5 in the Heritage Impact Assessment.

Photographs of the building dating back to 1900 and earlier indicate that much of the building has been painted white. <https://www.heritagesouthholland.co.uk/article/old-white-horse-inn/> Policy 29 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan requires proposals to conserve and enhance the character and appearance of designated assets and also that proposals within the Spalding Conservation area should preserve (and enhance or reinforce, as appropriate) features that contribute positively to the area's character, appearance and setting. If the removal of the paintwork was to be a permanent change then this would have a significant impact on the appearance of a listed building and the conservation area.

The heritage impact assessment is silent on whether the paintwork is to be reinstated other than a statement that "We will clean off all the paint to match the unpainted areas of the building which will improve the look and the longevity of the building, white paint next to a road doesn't stay white for very long. " This statement is concerning to say the least. If the intention is not to repaint the parts of the building that have historically been painted white or had some form of white limewash applied, then we would ask that an opinion be obtained from Historic England in respect of this specific aspect of the proposal before work is undertaken as we would have great difficulty in supporting this element without an opinion from Historic England.