

Design & Access Statement

The Spalding Gentlemen's Society Museum is a Grade II Listed building built in 1910.

This 1960 extension is due to be demolished under **H16-0932-22** during 2025/26 following our successful application for Arts Council Museum Estate & Development Fund grant for structural remediation of the building.

The proposed works will be carried out at the same time as the above demolition and repair work.

This is a renewal of H16-0698-21 (expires 13th October 2024) to repair windows and improve disabled access.

The following work to be carried-out while the building is closed during 2025/26 and being repaired under H16-0932-22

The access for wheelchair users is currently restrictive. There is a need to change this while the building will be closed as to not be disruptive.

Changes required are:

- 1.** Remove and repair leaded light window panes on the front and side elevations where necessary. Replace any broken panes with matched glass and re-lead where necessary. Repair window frames in-situ where necessary.
- 2.** Install secondary glazing using UV-resistant, museum-grade glass (or adhesive film), with dark frames to blend in with existing wooden frame colour.
- 3.** Enlarge the ground floor door opening (currently 560mm wide) between the entrance hall and the Maples Gallery to allow wheelchair access. Replace with a one-hour fire resistance door to match existing door colours.
- 4.** Remove internal partition from ground floor toilet and re-hang door to enable wheelchair access.

Due consideration has been given for all works to be complementary with the existing building fabric.

The Trustees
Spalding gentlemen's Society