

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

for
The Proposed Works
To

SPALDING GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY,
LINCOLNSHIRE

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1.0 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION



Figure 1: Present day view of Spalding Gentleman's Society.

1.1 OVERVIEW

History: The Spalding Gentlemen's Society was founded in 1710 and functions as a provincial learned society, the oldest in Britain. Since 1955, its charitable purpose has been: 'to promote and foster among the public knowledge, appreciation and the study of ... what we now call the Arts, Sciences and Humanities.'

Proposal: This application seeks approval to demolish the later extensions to the rear and provide structural stability to the original building.

1.2 LOCATION

Address: The Museum of the Spalding Gentlemen's Society
9 Broad Street
Spalding
Lincolnshire
PE11 1TB

District: South Holland District Council

Grid Reference: TF 24796 22805

1.3 SIGNIFICANCE

Period: Edwardian

Protected Status: Grade II Listed Building within the Spalding Conservation Area

List Entry Number: 1147350

Date First Listed: 20.11.1975

Listing Description: *2. Dated 1910. Architect, J B Corby and Sons. 2 storeys in red brick with ashlar dressings and hipped Welsh slate roof. Gabled centre section breaks forward. 1 window of 16 lights, mullion and transom, beneath rectangular dripmould with shield with coat of arms above. Also 3 labels with legends 'Literature' 'Art' and 'Science'. 2 plaques with monograms to sides and centre plaque with frieze of figures above door. Moulded string between storeys. The ground floor of this centre section has 2 windows of 4 lights under rectangular dripmoulds. Doorway in stone with carved spandrels and panelled door with mask in rectangular fanlight. The side sections have one 4-light window to each storey to the left, and 1 window of 2 lights to each storey to the right. 2 labels dated 1710 and 1910 respectively. Nos 8. 9 and the Museum of the Spalding Gentlemens' Society form a group*

Setting: There are a total of sixty one Listed Buildings in Spalding's Castle Ward, the ones in close proximity to Spalding Gentlemen's Society are:

- 8 & 9 Broad Street, Grade II (List Entry: 1063998)
- Constitutional Club, Grade II* (List Entry: 1063999)
- Broad Street Methodist Church and Attached Sunday School, Grade II (List Entry: 1067614)

Heritage at Risk: The building is not listed on the Heritage at Risk Register, although it forms part of the Spalding Conservation Area, which has been on the register since 1970 and last amended in 2009.

Pevsner Entry: *SPALDING GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY MUSUEM, 1910 by J.B. Corby & Sons of Stamford, brick with stone dressings and stone relief panels.*

2.0 HISTORIC IMAGES



Figure 2: Historic image of Spalding Gentlemen's Society.

3.0 PRESENT DAY



Figure 3: Present day rear extension

4.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

By embarking on this sympathetic removal works we are maintaining the buildings historic significance and provide opportunities for well designed interventions to provide much needed space to the Spalding Gentlemen's Society.

The primary changes to the building in terms of their impact upon the listed building are summarised below:

1. Demolition of extension.

By demolishing the extension to the rear of the building we are improving the Gentlemen's society building by removing a part of the building which is not original.

2. Making good of exterior walls

Due to demolition works the original brick work will be damaged and the penetrations previously made to the extension will remain. Sympathetic restoration of these damaged areas will be carried out to return the historic fabric to its previous significance and penetrations will be infilled using the same construction method and materials as the existing structure.

3. Removal of interior ceilings and walls

Additionally following on from the demolition works, ceilings and interior walls will need to be removed and/or made good.

REFERENCES

The following sources were consulted in the preparation of this report:

- Heritage at Risk Register
www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register
- Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer
<https://heritage-explorer.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
- National Heritage List for England
www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list
- National Library of Scotland: Georeferenced Maps
<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=5&lat=56.00000&lon=-4.00000&layers=1&b=1>
- Nikolaus Pevsner & John Harris, 1989, *Buildings of England: Lincolnshire (Second Edition)*.
- Society of Lincolnshire History & Archaeology
www.slha.org.uk

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