

Heritage Report

For

Proposed Security Shutter

At

**Davies Pharmacy,
12 West Street, Havant,
PO9 1PF**

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1.0 **Generally**

1.1 This Design Report is in support of a Planning Application to the Havant Borough Council for a proposed security shutter at Davies Pharmacy, 12 West Street, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 1PF.

1.2 No other purpose is anticipated or accepted. Copyright of this report remains with Martin Critchley, Chartered Architect.

1.3 Reference should be made to the planning submission documents for details of the proposals, ref:

1317-	201	Location Plan
	203	Block Plan
	205	Existing Ground Floor Plan
	305	Existing Elevation
	405	Proposed Ground Floor Plan
	505	Proposed Elevation
	N/A	Shutter Image

2.0 **Physical Context**

2.1 West Street is within the town centre of Havant. It is one of the principal shopping streets, running east-west. The site is on the north side of the street, such that the principal elevation faces south.

2.2 The north side of the street has been heavily developed with 3 and 4 storey buildings. Immediately to the west is the entrance to 'The Meridian Centre' shopping mall.

2.3 The south side of the street contains St. Faith's Church, and churchyard. The Church was rebuilt in the 19th Century, on the site of an earlier 12th Century church.

2.4 The rear boundary of the site extends through to a delivery yard for the Meridian Centre. There is vehicular access through this yard via an entrance on North Street.

2.5 The site is currently a Retail Pharmacy. An area of the ground floor to the west (postal address 12A West Street) is a small lock up shop, currently used as a gift shop. The first floor is currently residential flats, as per planning application APP/14/00798.

- 2.6 The site slopes up slightly to the rear. There are no trees on the development site. The frontage is on the 'back of pavement' line.
- 2.7 To the west and north, the site is bounded by the three storey sheer brick walls of the Meridian Centre.
- 2.8 The general character of West Street to the east of Park Road is town centre retail, with a mix of first floor residential, and storage uses.
- 2.9 At the site, West Street is a pedestrianised area, with restricted loading. There is full street lighting.
- 2.10 The site is within the St. Faith's Conservation Area.

3.0 **Social / Economic Context**

- 3.1 Havant is a busy little town, of the type often referred to as a 'Market Town', although it has never had a cattle market. Current economic forces are driven by the railway station with good connections to London Waterloo, the location of the Borough administration, and by social and tourist activities related to the adjacent coast and harbours. Outside the town are industrial estates with high technology manufacturing in computing, aerospace and pharmaceutical industries.
- 3.2 The town centre serves the immediate hinterland, and the adjacent communities of Hayling Island, Leigh Park, Rowlands Castle and Emsworth.
- 3.3 The basic street pattern of the town centre was laid down by the Romans – north, south, east and west streets.
- 3.4 The site has been in commercial use for at least 150 years, generally in the present form. The chemist' shop use is believed to be continuous for that period. The basic street pattern of the town centre was laid down by the Romans – north, south, east and west streets - and there has been a retail element on the street ever since.
- 3.5 Within 1000 metres of the site there are:

- * Public Houses
- * Health Centre
- * Library
- * Town Park - Recreation Ground
- * Havant Railway Station
- * Bus Station
- * Primary and Secondary Schools
- * Churches

* Super Stores

Noting all of the above the site is considered to be highly sustainable in that all of the facilities listed (and more not listed) are available within easy walking distance.

3.6 The building has been much altered and extended. The original building, comprising the eastern half of the site is thought to have been Georgian; however substantial additions were made during the Victorian period, and variously up until WW II. There is documentary evidence of various outbuildings and stores, previously extending northwards beyond the present curtilage. The land to the north, now part of The Meridian Centre, was once orchards.

4.0 **Amount**

4.1 The proposed shutter applies to the main entrance door of Davies Pharmacy only. This is for security reasons due to previous criminal damage on multiple occasions.

5.0 **Appearance**

5.1 Please refer to the provided image in supporting documents for the proposed shutter. The proposed is a grilled black aluminium shutter.

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