

Heritage Statement

**The Perseverance
51 North Street
Havant, Portsmouth PO9 1PP**



Description: Vacant public house with residential accommodation on top. Side extension is an addition (not original)

Grade Listing: Not listed on English Heritage website records
Date Listed: N/A

OS Grid Coordinates: 471800, 106475
Lat (WGS84) N50:51:12 (50.853344)
Long (WGS84) W0:58:53 (-0.981365)ID: 490849

Date of Construction: circa 1830

Location: The Perseverance, 51 North Street, Havant, Portsmouth PO9 1PP

Locality: Havant
Local Authority: Havant Borough Council
County: Hampshire
Country: England
Postcode: PO9 1PP

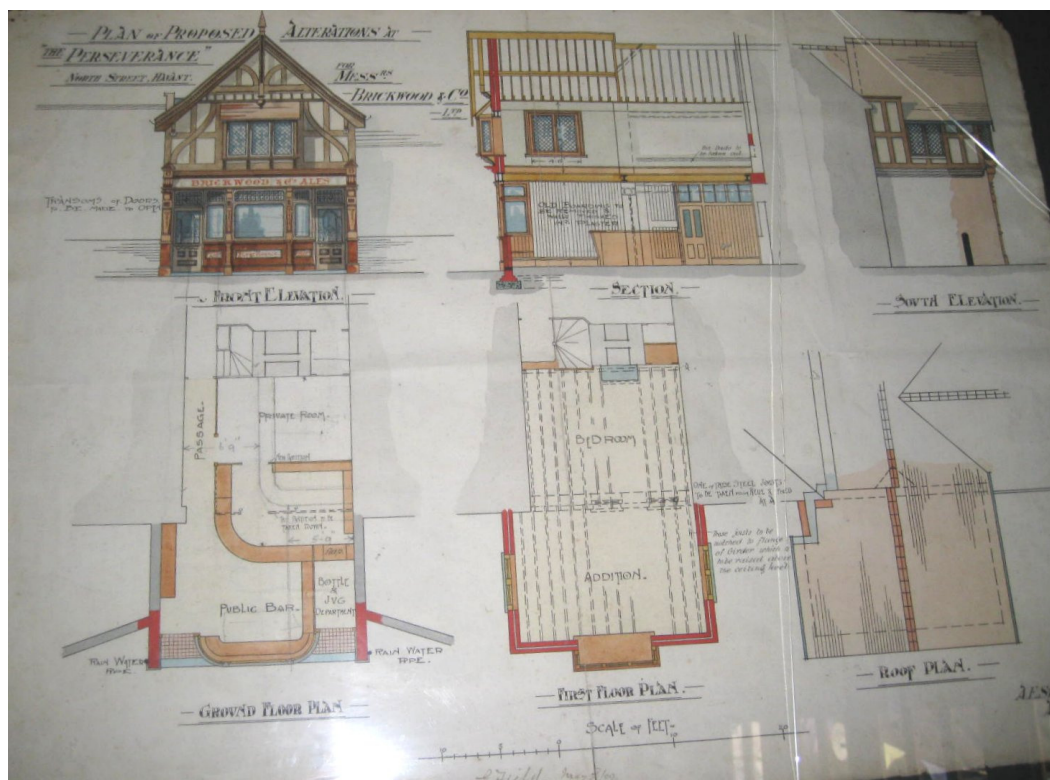
DESCRIPTION

THE PERSEVERANCE - This attractive looking public house, situated on the west side of North Street, was originally two cottages and is in part reputedly of late Georgian date. The original beerhouse was much smaller, being just the right hand side of the property until the adjoining of the cottage to the left. It is first recorded as a beerhouse in Havant in 1867 under the occupation of Alexander Pratt, when in that year and the next two years, it was refused a spirit licence, due to opposition from the landlady of the nearby Star.

It is almost certain that the beerhouse predates this; the 1842 tithe award has the site under the ownership of John Tribe, and in a directory for Havant in 1855, Thomas Tribe, builder of Havant, is also recorded as a beer retailer in North Street. Prior to 1867 North Street had various beer retailers recorded in unknown houses. Certainly by 1870 the premises were owned by James Tier, who also owned The Hearts of Oak in West Street. It is probable that Tier was brewing his own beer until he sold both premises to Brickwoods in 1876.

Much of the original exterior of the public house is still in evidence including a glazed tiled (faience earthenware) front that distinguishes it from public houses of the period. Legend has it that the name came from one of the coaches that stopped for passengers in Havant. Like most public houses in Havant it was kept by one family for many years, notably the Hobbs family, who were the licensees for over twenty years at the end of the 19th century. For many years the public house belonged to Portsmouth Brewers Brickwood & Co. until that company was sold to Whitbread Ltd in 1971.

Original plans show that the 2-storey side extension is an addition to the original building which itself was extended above to form the 1st floor residential accommodation.



Original plans of the The Perseverance Pub, Havant PO9 1PP

HISTORY

Records indicate that The Perseverance Pub was constructed before 1842, possibly in the 1830's. As shown on the above plan, only the left hand side of the building is original. The 2-storey side extension is a later addition that was built before the 1960's. The historical photo below shows that there was another pub to the left of the building, this has been demolished and the area is now used as car park parking facilities for the North Street shopping area.



The Foresters Arms as retail units, 1960s, with the extension to the Perseverance on the right.

The Perseverance continued to be a Public House until it closed down during 2012 due to a lack of business.

PROPOSED CHANGES

It is proposed to convert The Perseverance Pub into a restaurant, which will continue the hot food and drinking use that the building was previously used for. A few of the internal columns are to be removed to create a more open space, which will enable an efficient seating plan. The interior will be completely re-furnished to make the premises more attractive to customers. There are no proposed changes to the residential rooms on the 1st floor.

Reference should be made to the existing and proposed plans for further clarification.

REASON FOR THE CHANGES

The Pub has become vacant due to a lack of business and there has been no interest from potential buyers to continue using the building as a pub. The interior has become derelict and is in need of repair. The project can be considered as a regeneration scheme to help bring back business to the High Street and help provide an alternative range of eating facilities for the locals in the area.