Design and Access Statement

Heritage Category:
Listed Building
Grade:
II
List Entry Number: **1330649**

History

The building was originally commissioned by a currier, John Warner, as a private residence known as Stanley House. It was designed by a local architect, George Allen, in the neoclassical style, built by a local contractor, Henry Bennett and Son, in brown brick with stone dressings and was completed in 1850.[2] The design involved a symmetrical main frontage with three bays facing onto Market Hill; the central bay featured a doorway with a fanlight, a rusticated archivolt and a keystone. On the first floor there was a three-light pedimented window and on the second floor there was a small square window. The outer bays were fenestrated by three-light windows with archivolts on the ground floor, sash windows with brackets and cornices on the first floor and small square windows on the second floor. The first floor windows also all had stone balconies. At roof level there was a modillioned cornice which jutted out over the pavement. Internally, the principal room was the drawing room on the first floor.[3]

St Ives Borough Council acquired the house for £1,200 in 1924. There was strong opposition to the acquisition: there was rioting in the streets and some local people even stood for election with a manifesto of opposing the acquisition.

The council commissioned a program of works to convert the drawing room on the first floor into a council chamber and to establish an office for the town clerk.

The town hall continued to serve as the headquarters of the borough council for much of the 20th century but ceased to be the local seat of government when the enlarged Huntingdonshire District Council was formed in 1974.
An extensive program of improvement works, including the installation of a lift, was completed in 2009.

1. This door is a like for like replacement and meet s the current specification under the fire regulations

Not Applicable

2. Please provide details of the **layout** of proposed development

Not Applicable - The proposed replacement of the internal door is a like for like replacement from the single door installed as part of the planning

3. Please provide details of the layout of proposed development

- Relationship of buildings, routes and spaces.
- Safety and security

Not Applicable

4. Please provide details of the **scale/appearance** of the proposed development

- Height, width, length, materials, detailed design.
- Relationship to surrounding development.
- Relevant local and national policies and guidance.

The current door is 804 width and 1950 height.
Wooden and finished in white paint.
Ther are 2no glazed panels
The photos of the current door have been provided within the application along with the specification of the new door, hinges, glazed panels and lock.

5. Please provide details of the **landscaping** in the proposed development

Not Applicable

6. Please provide details of how **Heritage Assets** issues have been addressed

- Describe the assets affected – listed buildings, conservation area, archaeology etc.
- Define their significance (in the case of buildings in conservation areas, their contribution to the character or appearance of the area).
- Assess the impact of the proposals on the heritage asset, including

reference to national and local policies and guidance.

- If the impact is harmful to the significance of the historic asset, set out the public benefits which justify the proposal.

The proposed replacement of the internal door is a like for like replacement from the single door installed as part of the planning permissions granted under number -0800915LBC