

Kent Minor Works Design and Access Statement

Gravesend Old Town Hall

High St, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0AZ

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1. The Existing Building

1.1 Gravesend Old Town Hall is a grade 2 listed building situated on Gravesend High Street. The Town Hall was rebuilt after being destroyed by a fire in 1764, then later received its frontage in the 1830s which consisted of a portico with large Doric columns. In 2004 a Conservation Plan was drawn up for the building in consultation with the council, which highlights the history and significance of the Old Town Hall.

2. Ownership

2.1 Kent County Council are the owners of Gravesend Old Town Hall. Parts of the Town Hall are currently let to local social initiatives and other commercial organisations.

3. Background to the Present Application

3.1 Numerous internal and external repair works have been carried out at the Old Town Hall. In 2005-6 external repair works were carried out as part of the first stage of a long term project to bring the Old Town Hall back into use.

3.2 The present application is related to the repair of various defects within the fabric of the Old Town Hall. A site visit was undertaken by Consult Construct on behalf of Skanska Technology Ltd to identify the current defects requiring

remediation. The scope of works includes upgrading original panelled fire doors, lime plaster repairs, repairs to roof slates and repairs to windows and doors.

4. Design

4.1 Below is a short summary of the defect repair works. More information can be found in the specification submitted with the planning application.

4.2 Original panelled fire doors around the Old Town Hall are to be upgraded and not replaced by using intumescent veneers and paint.

4.3 Lime plaster repairs with matching replacement laths have been specified.

4.4 Like for like repairs to damaged and slipped roof slate are specified.

4.5 Repairs of window and doors are specified, which is preferred over replacement.

4.6 In general repairs and replacements required within the Old Town Hall have been specified to match what is existing.

5. Access for Disabled People

5.1 Access for the public into and throughout the building will not be affected by the proposed remedial measures.
