

## The Earl Grey

177 Vale Road, Northfleet, Kent. DA11 8BP

## Heritage Assessment



Front view

### The Site

The site lies within a mainly residential area of Northfleet which has a history of flint production for building and guns. Flint is found amongst the chalk of the surrounding area which lies to the West of Gravesend.

The original building is typically of flint elevations with brick quoins and detailing under a steeply pitched mansard roof with hips on the upper section. Substantial extensions have subsequently been carried out at the rear and side in yellow stock brickwork. The rear has been extended across the full width with a two storey Victorian or Edwardian addition under a pitched slate roof and this has subsequently been enlarged again with another full width single storey addition with a parapet and it is this element that forms the subject of this application.

## Historic Background

The building was first listed in 1983 with the Listing is set out as follows:

*TQ 67 SW NORTHFLEET VALE ROAD 1/131 No 177 (The Earl Grey Public House) II*

*Early C19. Flint walls with red brick dressings, string course and eaves cornice. Tiled, half-hipped, mansard roof. Two storeys. Three windows. Attic windows in side walls. Casement windows to first floor and attic, modern windows and doors (one replacing a window) on ground floor. Flint and brick wall attached to house. Listing NGR: TQ6334473076*



Rear view

## The Scheme

This proposal is for the alteration of a rear ground floor window and removal of a small section of stud partition internally. The window concerned serves the commercial kitchen and the object of the exercise is to raise the sill level to enable the working units to run underneath and thereby creating a proper hygienic workspace. Located in the rear flat roofed extension are two similar windows - the left hand one has a lower sill than the right hand one - which consist of a timber outer frame containing three individual Crittall style steel casements. It is intended to remove the existing left hand window and replace it with a new double glazed version having a sill height to match the other one. Internally it is intended to create a 'snug' space off the main bar by bringing a store into the trading space. The section of stud work is of no historic value having been added in more recent times to create the store.



View from Garden



Recessed partition to be removed

The last picture shows the partition to be removed which contains the door and lies within the recess. The remainder of the wall will remain intact.

### **Effect of the works**

The proposed alterations will have little effect on the integrity of the historic fabric of the building as the window is located in the least historic addition and the stud partition was previously installed into an existing opening which will be reinstated.

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