

57 High Street Ashwell SG7 5NP

Front Door Replacement Application – Design and Access Statement

57 High Street Ashwell is a Grade II* Listed building

Listing NGR: TL2673539644

From the listing entry.....

House and shop in long uniform range, built as hall of the Brotherhood or Guild of St. John the Baptist in the Church of Blessed Mary of Ashwell, formed 1476. The building is c.1500, extended by an identical bay at left end in late C16. Timber frame; exposed close studding on jettied upper floor. Two storeys. First floor has seven mid C19 flush sash windows in moulded wood frames; ground floor with four canted casement bays, the right one a bracketed shop window...

Number 57 High Street is one third, at the left-hand end of the building. The house is entered via central front door with bay window to the right and second window to the left.



57 High Street frontage – at Christmas time

Street Scene – showing 57, 59 and part of 61(Day's the Bakers)

This image shows the front door of number 59 (in red), next door house with two glazed top panels in the door.



Front of Day's the Bakers – number 61 High Street which shows door with nine window panels.



Current Front Door – 57 High Street



Six panel Georgian style front door which is only 30mm thick

A number of scars from previous location of handle etc

Filler panel to accommodate locks

Multiple attempts have been made to restore the existing door have been made, filling, sanding, painting etc.

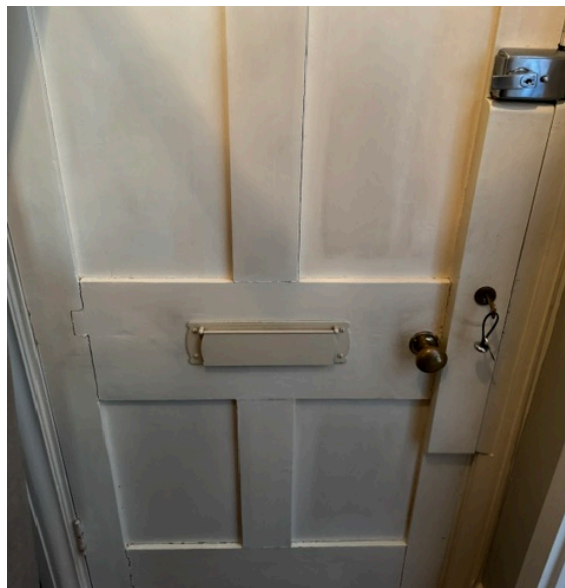
The existing door has dropped and 'sticks' making it very difficult to open and having to slam to close as the timber expands and contracts in different weather conditions – on occasion it has been virtually impossible to open the front door.

Following consultation with building and carpentry company, due to the age and thin construction of the door it can no longer be repaired to be correctly functioning and secure.

Close up of exterior of door



Close up of interior of door



Side view of existing door



Due to the construction of the current door, it provides only poor thermal insulation and the lack of any windows means artificial lighting is almost constantly needed in the small entrance hallway.

The front door does not feature in the listing wording for the building.

Having researched the market, the proposal is to replace the existing door with a high quality 'like for like' six panel door manufactured specially for the property by George Barnsdale, a Lincolnshire based company who manufacture timber doors (and windows) – the proposed door is from their 'Historic' range. In addition to providing the house with a fully functional and accessible door, the replacement will improve both heat and sound insulation along with security. It will also be necessary to replace the architrave to accommodate the new ticker door however this will again be aesthetically 'like for like', of high quality and not impact the street scene of the property.

To address the lack of natural lighting in the entrance hall, the proposal is to replace the top two panels with opaque glass. This is aligned to the front door style of number 59 (next door) which has two glass top panels in a six-panel door and it should also be noted that Day's the Bakers door (No 61) has glass panels.