

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Almshouses, Park Lane, Old Knebworth, Herts SG3 6QE

Grade II Listed

Physical Context

The Almshouses are situated in the village of Old Knebworth on Park Lane adjacent to the Lytton Arms public House. The Almshouses became Grade II listed on 21 March 1984 and states:

Almshouses. Erected 1836 by Elizabeth Bulwer Lytton. 5 tenements in single storey range with gabled projecting centre. Yellow gault brick with cement dressings and Portland stone moulded eaves corbels. Slate roof. Simile Tudor style. Each tenement has door flanked by 2- and 3-light glazing bar casements, the doors with mullioned panels and moulded hoods. Plaque on centre gable with Lyttons Arms.

Design

The current roof needs substantial repairs.

The repaired roof will use the existing roof slates wherever possible but where replacement slates are needed these will be Welsh slates on a like for like basis and will match the existing in design and appearance.

The external and internal appearance, floorspace and layout of the property will not be altered from either the front or rear elevations.

Access

Access to the dwelling is from Park Lane. There is pedestrian access to the front and shared car park to the rear