

Heritage Statement

Site name

The Goodfellas

**Address of site
(including postcode)**

4 Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts
SG51JQ

Grid Reference

TL1842629228

1. Schedule of Works

Please state the type of proposal e.g. extension to a listed building, internal alterations

Alteration to shopfront with glazing and associated new entrance from the front of the shop. Shopfront with timber framing and surround including a dwarf timber stallriser are finished in black. Plasters by the entrance are clad in ornate timber paneling to be also finished in black.

Fascia signage reinstated to original location at the top just below the original cornice. The cornice and corbell also to be finished in black to match the rest of the new shopfront. New fascia advertisement with the background panel to be finished in black - this type of advertisement would benefit from deemed advertisement consent under Schedule 3, Part 1, Class 4B and Class 12 of the Regulations

Please list the works proposed e.g. replacement windows, removal of internal wall, reinstatement of original staircase, damp proofing works to basement etc

Pre-existing shopfront window consisting of timber glazing bars with 18 small panels removed including the pre-existing signage and replaced with the above-mentioned shopfront.

2. What heritage assets are affected by the proposals? (Please tick the relevant boxes below)

1. Scheduled Monument (SM)	☐
2. Listed Building (LB)	☒
3. Conservation Area (CA)	☒
4. Registered Park and Garden (RPG)	☐
5. Historic Battlefield (HB)	☐
6. Locally Listed Heritage Asset (LLHA)	☐
7. Archaeological Notification Area (ANA)	☐
8 Other Non-Designated Heritage Asset	☐

3. (a) What is known about the affected heritage assets?

Listing NGR: TL1842629228

Information listed on the Historic England website relating to the Grade II Listing is as follows –

1. BANCROFT 5255 (WEST SIDE) TL1829 SW 1/51 13.4.51. Nos 2 to 5 (consec). II
2. C19 and modern drastic alteration of C15 building. Modern ground floor shops, plaster faced first floor, tiled roof with C19 horsman figurine at east end of ridge copted from original, 4 casements. RCHM p 123; VCH pp 3-4.

None of the above elements is affected by the works

Top half of the building and and other parts within the overall listing is not affected but only limited to the small retail unit relating to number 4 Bancroft.

3 (b) What research have you undertaken to understand the significance of the heritage asset(s) affected?

Please tick the relevant boxes

Local Planning Authority sources	☒
Historic England sources	☒

4. What is important about the affected heritage assets ('the significance')?

2. tiled roof with C19 horsman figurine at east end of ridge copted from original, 4 casements. RCHM p 123; VCH pp 3-4.

The above original features form part of the Grade II Listing. The premises is also located in a conservation area. None of the heritage assets will be affected by the alterations suggested on this part of the building.

5. How will the proposals impact on the significance of the heritage assets?

The works undertaken has not impacted on the historical building fabric. The colour scheme in jet black RAL 9005 of the frontage is considered to be acceptable bringing depth to the character of the shopfront and the building overall.

The current shopfront as built has created as intended a fully transparent display of the business and its services.

No illumination is provided to the signage or any part of the shopfront.

6. How has the proposal been designed to conserve the significance of the heritage asset(s)?

The proposed scheme will reinstate the shopfront to its original character, however, with some modifications in design in terms of resized timber window panels and the use of timber overall for the shopfront to bring the shopfront back in character.

Additionally, a muted colour scheme with gold traditional style lettering is introduced to the fascia sign with no illumination provided, with no alterations to the structure other than the glazed area. Fascia signage is reinstated to original location at the top just below the original cornice.

The frontages along Bancroft vary greatly, however, they primarily consist of modern alterations to historic buildings.

The changes are considered to be in keeping with the host listed building and other properties within the locality and the Conservation Area.