Application Number:	**AWDM/1348/24**	**Recommendation - APPROVE**
Site:	**Worthing Museum Chapel Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 1HP**	
Proposal:	**Application for Listed Building Consent for Secondary glazing to be installed throughout the building.**	
Applicant:	Kevin Smith	Ward: Central
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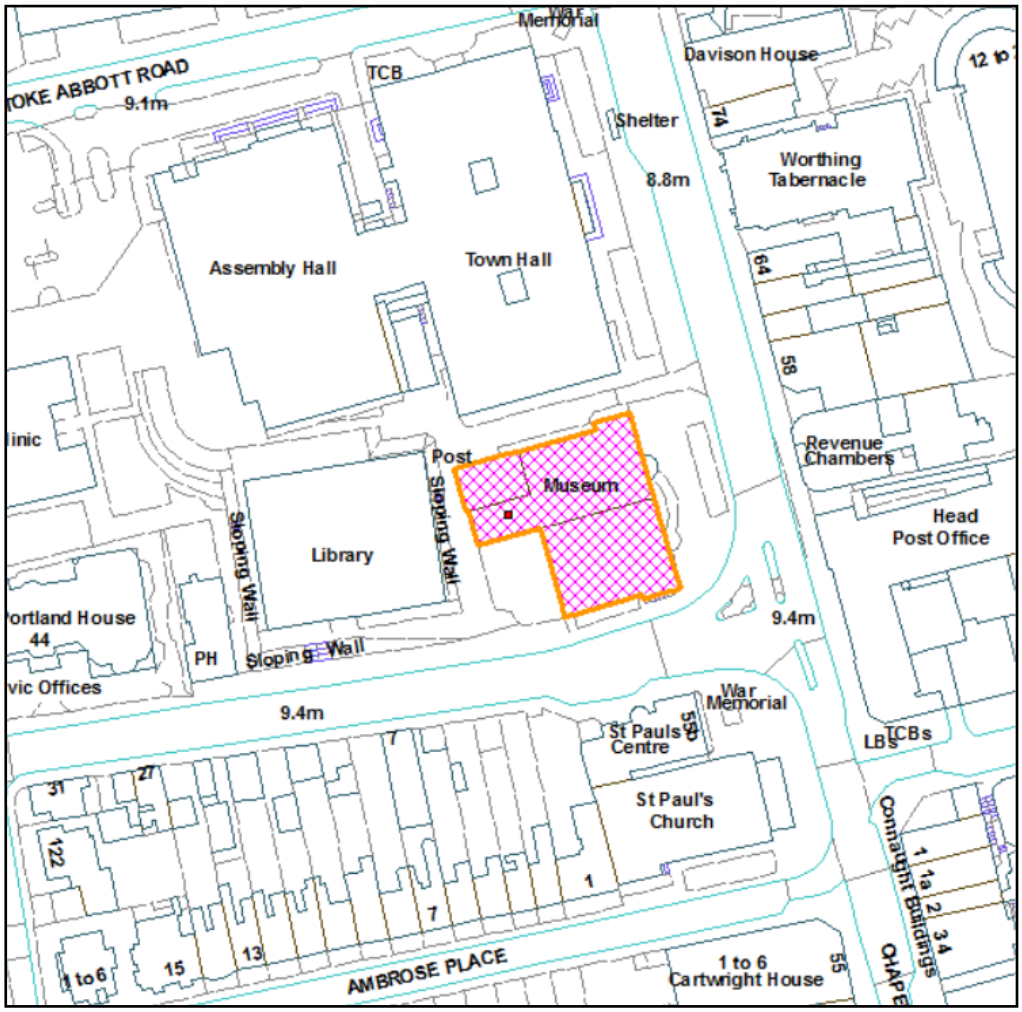
Case Officer:	Louise Prew	



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Site and Surroundings

The site is located on the southeastern corner of Chapel and Richmond roads. It contains Worthing Museum, a two storey detached building built in the Edwardian Baroque manner. The building is Grade II listed.

The list entry sets out that the building was originally built as the Worthing library, museum and art gallery. It was designed by the architects Crouch, Butler and Savage, the library funded by Andrew Carnegie, opened on 14th December 1908. The library moved out of the building when the new library was built to the rear in the 1970s.

The Museum is surrounded by a number of other civic buildings including the Grade II listed Town Hall to the south. The Town Hall has similarly had secondary glazing installed throughout in 2021.

The site is situated within the Chapel Road conservation area.

Proposal

The application seeks listed building consent to install secondary glazing throughout the building. This will be internal only.

For timber sash windows to all floors, Selectaglaze Series 20 Slimline VS units are proposed. For the ground floor round windows, Selectaglaze Series 45 Slimline Lift Out are proposed. For the casement windows to all floors Series 10 Slimline HS are proposed.

The secondary glazing will be formed of extruded aluminium alloy. The finish would be polyester powder paint coated in the standard HIPCA White Semi-gloss.

The application is before the Committee for determination due to the Council's land ownership of Worthing Museum.

Relevant Planning History

None relevant

There are applications for similar works and new double glazing at Connaught Theatre (AWDM/1369/24) and Assembly Hall and Richmond Room (AWDM/1339/24 and AWDM/1340/24) currently under consideration.

In 2022, secondary glazing was granted listed building consent for the Town Hall (AWDM/0896/21).

Consultations

Adur & Worthing Councils:

Conservation Architect: I have now had a chance to go through the drawings for this application, and I have no objections to the proposed works.

Worthing Society: I have now had the opportunity to discuss the proposal with the Heritage Team. We note the application is for secondary glazing which, in our view, is

the most suitable form of installation for a Listed Building as it will not 'harm' the external character or appearance. Therefore, I am pleased to advise you that we have no objection to this application.

Representations

None received to date.

Relevant Planning Policies and Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework (2024)
Planning Practice Guidance
Worthing Local Plan 2020-2036 (2023): DM5, DM16, DM24

Relevant Legislation

The Committee should consider the planning application in accordance with:

Section 38(6) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 that requires the decision to be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Section 70 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) provides that the application may be granted either unconditionally or subject to relevant conditions, or refused. Regard shall be given to relevant development plan policies, any relevant local finance considerations, and other material considerations

Section 16 of Planning (Listed Building & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 which requires that in considering whether to grant listed building consent for any works the local planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.

Planning Assessment

The main consideration for this application is the effect of the development on the historic character of the listed building, its setting and any special features of architectural and historic character that it possesses.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the listed building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, as set out within sections 16 and 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Paragraph 207 of the National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF) states that in determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting.

This is reflected in Local Plan policy DM24 which states that planning permission and/or listed building consent will only be granted provided that the appearance, significance, or historic character of the listed building is not adversely affected.

The proposed secondary glazing will be set back from the main windows and will reflect the size and detailing of the existing windows. The works do not impact the existing original timber windows as they will not be fixed to the casements and sit apart. The windows will be internal only and will not change the external appearance of the building as the existing timber windows are to be retained in their current form. The secondary glazing will be white in colour to match the existing windows.

The proposed windows will improve the thermal efficiency of the building. The secondary glazing achieves a U value of approx. 1.85 W/m²K overall for the original glazing and secondary glazing. This is higher than the 1.6 W/m²K required by Part L of the Building regulations but a significant improvement on the current U-value of 4.7 W/m²K typical of single glazed timber windows. The proposals are considered acceptable given the need to preserve the listed building.

Overall, the new windows will increase the thermal performance of the building whilst ensuring that the listed building is not adversely affected.

Recommendation

GRANT Listed Building Consent subject to Conditions:-

1. Approved plans.
2. Standard time limit.
3. Materials as specified
4. Protect listed building
5. Make good damage to listed building

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Local Government Act 1972
Background Papers:

As referred to in individual application reports

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