

# Listed Building Consent Application

## Heritage Statement



Property Services

Castle Avenue Offices  
The Castle  
WINCHESTER  
Hampshire  
SO23 8UD

### Proposed alterations to Hampshire County Council HQ Offices, Castle Avenue

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#### Listing description

Grade II

Eastern motion 1912 by W J Taylor and Sir T G Jackson, western section 1932 by Sir H Baker. Elizabethan style. Flint and Bath stone. Two storeys and attics, and three storeys. Irregular facades and fenestration. Mullion and transom windows, oriels etc. Tiled roofs with chimney. See also Castle Hill Offices.

The listed buildings in Castle Avenue with Castle Hill Offices form a group.

#### History and significance

Castle Avenue Office was built in 1912 as the Education Office for Hampshire County Council. It is a three story building built with flint and rubble facings and has mullioned and transomed windows with arched heads and leaded lights. The façade is framed between wide bays and there are steep gables over the central windows.

The eastern section was built first and then extended in 1932 in simpler form having square headed windows rather than arched windows. The junction of the two phases of build can still be identified on the plan by thicker internal walls and blocked in windows.

The building, along with Castle Hill Office opposite, makes a significant contribution to Castle Avenue, the main approach road to The Great Hall.

Internally the layout of the building consists of a long central corridor with offices accessed directly off it. Little has changed to the plan since its construction, except for the introduction of modern partition walls to create smaller offices and corridors.

#### Impact of proposals on historic fabric

The offices have recently been refurbished and are used by Hampshire County Council staff. Following a review by the fire officer, further alterations are required to provide adequate fire protection measures and to meet the current standards.

The installation of the new fire doors to the ground floor lobby match the adjacent doors and are to be located within an existing arched opening. Alterations to the basement are minor, creating new door openings to match adjacent.

The installation of the new access ladder and the creation of a hinged panel of railing is a simple means of providing access the lower external area for maintenance access whilst meeting the necessary health and safety requirements.

It is considered that the proposed alterations have minimal impact on the historic fabric, allows the building to continue in its existing use and provides a modern working environment.