

Installation of Security Shutter, Lighting, CCTV Cameras & Signage (Retrospective)

Review Against Refusal Condition of:

Planning Permission 20/00892/P

Listed Building Consent 20/00891/LBC

ESKQUIRE

147 High Street

Prestonpans

East Lothian

EH32 9AX

On behalf of Mr. Alan Mulholland

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1. PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 Applications Background :

Mr Alan Mulholland, local business man and owner of Eskquire Barbers resides his business within the property at 147 High Street Prestonpans, and another property in Musselburgh.

Three separate applications were lodged to East Lothian Planning Department in September 2020 for Advertisement Consent (Retrospective), Planning Permission (Retrospective) and Listed Building Consent (Retrospective).

As part of these applications, the applicant was seeking for retrospective permission to erect 1 roller shutter with box housing above the shop front window and door to the North Elevation of the appeal property.

The drawings submitted with the various applications illustrating the '*proposals*' show an external security shutter of steel construction, grey in colour 3.9m wide x 3.4m high. The steel shutter proposal, when closed is rolled up in a box housing 390mm (d) x 370mm (h) located behind fascia signage.

Please note that Mr Mulholland did not intend to erect these steel shutters under any false pretenses by not applying for and obtaining all necessary approvals from East Lothian Planning. This was merely done via a combination of various misunderstandings and lack of knowledge of Planning protocols.

The North Elevation to 147 High Street, remains as the only public facing elevation. The applicants business within Prestonpans has been subject to various targeted vandalism, (please see further information later in report) hence the urgency for the erection of steel security shuttering to the appeal property.

The applicant believed that the proposals, negated the risk of further vandalism but also did not harm the character or any historical and architectural features of the building. The applicant has made best endeavours to harmonise the installation with the existing property through colour selection and construction.

The applicant and agent, throughout the application process believed that the proposal was reasonable, albeit noting refusal reason, and accordingly submitted applications as required. Based on previous experiences it was noted that there was a possibility that East Lothian Planning Department may require further information or not necessarily support the application as it currently stood, and that if this were to be the case the planning department would make contact to seek a negotiated solution.

Upon receipt of 1 nr. approved application (Advertisement Consent) and 2 nr. approved with refusal conditions (Planning Permission and Advertisement Consent) it became apparent that negotiations were not the intended outcome. It is accepted and completely understood that the planning department has acted accordingly and carried out their statutory role, so it is hoped that this appeal report can provide further background information to assist a review of the outcomes to these applications.

Taking the above into account the applicant seeks to begin a review process to the decision to refuse planning permission and listed building consent (for solid steel shuttering), setting out the grounds for review below.

1.2 Site Context :

The appeal site is located to the North side and within the built up area of Prestonpans. 147 High Street fronting faces on towards the B1348 Coast Road (High Street) which runs East / West through the length of the town.

147 High Street, Eskquire Barbers, is situated within Prestonpans main, commercial street adjacent to various other commercial properties and Town Hall.

Dated 1881, the **grade C** listed building is a 3 storey baronial tenement with roofline display and shops at ground floor. The appeal property occupies 1 nr. Ground floor shop and has retained its use from the previous occupier as a Barber Shop.

1.3 Reference to Listing Notice :

The following text is the listing notice of 147-155 High Street, Prestonpans cited from Historic Environment Scotland Website:

Dated 1881, carved initials PBC(?), 3-storey Baronial tenement, with roofline display and shops at ground floor. 8-bay on corner site. Stugged brown sandstone ashlar with eroded and chamfered dressings. Moulded eaves course.

N (HIGH STREET) ELEVATION: 4-bay above shops with chamfered angle bay to outer right. 3 shopfronts to ground floor, also 2 stair access doors; 2 shopfronts largely original with stallrisers and stone fascias, painted, corner shopfront without fascia but with lugged hoodmould; all doors panelled, plain fanlights, stair doorways with moulded surrounds, one with round-arched hood moulding. Corner bay corbelled out to 1st floor and again to 2nd in pepperpot tower; single window to 1st floor, bipartite window to 2nd with lugged hoodmould. Next bay to E with bipartite windows and lugged hoodmoulds to both 1st and 2nd floors, topped by crowstepped gable with thistle finial. 3 eastern bays with single or bipartite windows to 1st floor, single windows to 2nd breaking eaves in finialled dormerheads.

W (NEW STREET) ELEVATION: 3-bay. 2 shopfront windows to ground floor, outerleft with lugged hoodmould, outer right with bipartite window. 3 bipartite windows to 1st floor, northmost with hood moulding. 2 windows at 2nd floor (absent from northmost bay), dormerheads breaking eaves, finials missing.

S AND E (REAR) ELEVATIONS: awkward corner site. External stair to open galleried landings, with interesting projecting rounded brick tower to right (E), presumably containing lavatories. Windows in regular pattern, canted dormerhead breaking eaves on eastmost bay only: small windows to brick tower. Doors originally 4-panelled with plain fanlight, mostly replaced.

Windows originally timber sash and case, plate glass to front, 4-pane to rear, mostly modern replacements. Roof in graded grey Scotch slate, gabled with skews. 3 ashlar stacks to gables and ridge, projecting cope, variety of plain cans (6 to each?); single shouldered stack rising from eaves on W elevation, rebuilt and smooth rendered, 4 plain cans. Decorative rainwater hoppers.

The above description offers an insight into the Architectural aspects of the building. Please note the point regarding the original timber sash and case windows to the North Elevation. The majority of which have been replaced with uPVC windows to varying styles.

2. Appeal

2.1 Reasons for Refusal:

The decision notice for application for Planning Permission ref: 20/00892/P is dated 1st October 2020 and states that the refusal condition of planning permission is:

- 1) *The external security shutter that has been installed on the front (north) elevation of the existing premises is not of glass construction, a removable external grille or of an open latticed grille form. Instead it is a solid steel roller shutter that when shut completely screens the glazed frontage of the ground floor frontage of the premises. When closed it does not respect the architectural or historic features of the listed building but is instead is harmful to it. Consequently it is not in keeping with other part of the listed building and does not harmonise with the other parts of the listed building. It is visually incongruous and inappropriate for use on the front elevation of a listed building. By being is harmful to the special architectural or historic character of the listed building the roller shutter is contrary to Policies CH1 and DP5 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 and to the policy guidance set out in the Council's Cultural Heritage and the Built Environment Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted by the Council in October 2018 and with Scottish Planning Policy: June 2014.*

The decision notice for application for Listed Building Consent 20/00891/LBC is dated 1st October 2020 and states that the refusal condition of Listed Building Consent is:

- 1) *The external security shutter that has been installed on the front (north) elevation of the existing premises is not of glass construction, a removable external grille or of an open latticed grille form. Instead it is a solid steel roller shutter that when shut completely screens the glazed frontage of the ground floor frontage of the premises. When closed it does not respect the architectural or historic features of the listed building but is instead is harmful to it. Consequently it is not appropriate for use on the front elevation of a listed building. By being is harmful to the special architectural or historic character of the listed building the roller shutter is contrary to Policy CH1 of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 and to the policy guidance set out in the Council's Cultural Heritage and the Built Environment Supplementary Planning Guidance.*

2.2 Grounds for Review of Decision:

1) Reference to planning Policy:

The reason for refusal cites particular planning policies. The relevant parts of these noted below.

“The Cultural Heritage and the Built Environment” Supplementary Planning Guidance of the adopted East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 states:

“The use of security glass alone is recommended for listed buildings, although internal open latticed security grilles or removable external grilles may be acceptable. Applicants will require to demonstrate a particular security problem or need which cannot be satisfied by these measures, before any alternative security means would be considered. In such circumstances an application will be assessed against the following requirements:

- a. That no unnecessary damage is caused to historic structures; and*
- b. That any alterations are in keeping with other parts of the building, and that the measures harmonise with the building and its surroundings.*
- c. Alarm boxes should be located and designed to minimise their visual impact on the external appearance of the building.”*

The Planning Guidance adopted by East Lothian Council does not explicitly state that solid steel roller shutters **can not** be used under any circumstance. It does however instead note that alternative security measures would be considered if the applicant can demonstrate the above noted criteria.

- a) It can be reasonably argued that no unnecessary damage has been caused to historic features due to the nature of the installation. The security shutter rails and steel box housing has been secured back to the stone work using a limited number of coach bolts (5 nr. To each rail). No fixings have penetrated or damaged any architectural prominent stonework, banding, pillars etc.
- b) It can be reasonably argued that the proposals are in keeping with other parts of the building in terms of colours to harmonise with the streetscape. Many buildings sited at High Street, Prestonpans have external solid steel security shutters (see appended photos) therefore the proposals are in keeping with the existing streetscape. I believe the proposals are not detrimental to the overall streetscape but are in keeping with the vast amount of security measures present on this street.
- c) No alarm boxes are present to the public facing elevation.

“Applicants will require to demonstrate a particular security problem or need which cannot be satisfied by these measures”

The Cultural Heritage and the Built Environment SPG states that applicants require to demonstrate a security problem which cannot be satisfied by the installation of security glass, internal open latticed security grilles, or removable external grilles. It should be noted that the applicant’s business has been subject to numerous targeted vandalism attempts – please refer to police report

appended to end of report. This police report relating to the appeal property provides police incident numbers and paints a picture of a high number of vandalism attacks to the property. It has been noted that due to the nature of the incidents it was likely that this damage could be repeated and that external solid shutters were the most logical and effective means to protect this property.

It should also be noted that it has been advised that any other type of security measures would not be sufficient enough to prevent malicious damage being caused to the property for the following reasons:

- 1) Security glass: This property previously had security glass when the first incident happened. Please see appended photo. Although this does prevent unauthorized access to a certain degree, this method of security is entirely unsustainable for a small local business to maintain and continuously replace a large section of expensive security glass. Inevitably what is likely to happen is that the window will be boarded up, leaving a property which is not only an intimidating sight for customers, but also a very unwelcoming environment for the customers inside and an unsightly uninviting elevation to the streetscape.
- 2) Lattice shutters: These types of shutters would not protect the window behind from the frequency and willful vandal that has been experienced here and leave this business vulnerable. Missiles or various implements could be used through the open parts of the lattice structure to cause damage to the window behind.

The relevant part of Policy CH1: Listed Buildings states:

“Internal or external alterations or extensions to listed buildings will only be permitted where they do not harm the architectural or historic character of the building.”

The introductory text to this policy states in relation to work to listed buildings:

“Successful work to listed buildings is as a result of the full understanding of the historic asset, its special interest and character. Proposed alterations or extensions to listed buildings should ensure that the value of the building is not lost or its character undermined by insensitive changes. They should be complementary and of a high quality, both in design and use of materials. Planning decisions will be taken in accordance with the advice contained in national historic environment policies and guidance.”

The main purpose of the proposed security shuttering ensures that there is no detrimental effect to this properties value and character. By providing robust security to the historic shop front, this negates the possibility of having boarded up windows for a long period of time. As previously mentioned, boarded up windows will provide an unattractive, hostile view for the streetscape. We strongly believe that the selection of material, colour and profile harmonises with the building. Therefore it can be reasonably argued that the proposal complies with this guidance.

2) Other:

Officer reports for Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission states the following:

“The signage that has been attached to the front (north) elevation of the building is readily visible from public views. However, by virtue of their size, scale, design, colour, position and method of fixing the signage do not appear as overly prominent, obtrusive or incongruous features on the front (north) elevation of the listed building. The signage does not disrupt, or draw focus from, the architectural form, character or integrity of the building. The erected signage is not harmful to the special architectural or historic interest of the listed building.”

Taking the above into account, on the assumption that this refers to the signage contained on the box housing, it can reasonably be argued the the shuttering, also by scale, design, colour, position and method of fixings does not appear overly prominent, obtrusive or incongruous.

As noted above, and as it has been advised that this signage is not harmful to the special architectural or historic interest of the listed building it can be reasonably argued that this is contradictaory to what has also been advised regarding the solid steel shutter. The box housing with signage is premanently displayed at all times to the public. The materials and colours of which are indentical to the shuttering. The shuttering in question is only ever visible after working hours, usually 7pm – 8am.

It should also be noted that during the application process, no public objections were received for both Listed Building Consent, and Planning Permission.

3. Conclusions

3.1 Conclusion:

In today's current climate and testing environment, it is of absolute importance that we assist small local businesses in order to stimulate our local economy and retain Prestonpans and the wider East Lothian as a viable business centre.

Unfortunately, due to repeated mindless vandalism attempts, the applicant, has had no other option than to provide robust security to the property. We believe that through the careful selection of colour, and slimline profile of box housing the shuttering does in fact harmonise with the streetscape and would strongly refute that this is '*harmful to the special architectural or historic character of the listed building*'.

As noted previously, the use of any security measures other than what has been proposed will remain as a completely unsustainable option for a small business such as Mr. Mulhollands. Without the proposed protection to this business, many small businesses in the same position will have to question whether operating these businesses within East Lothian is viable.

In more recent times during the pandemic and economic crisis we are all currently facing, a massive emphasis has been pushed on a 'Shop Local' campaign, notably within East Lothian. It would be prudent and wise for us to provide assistance to these local businesses by remaining a viable county for business.

I would urge you, through the relevant background information provided within this report, that you reconsider the refusal conditions laid upon the applicant.

4. Appendices

4.1 Drawings:

1.1 – Drawing 2020-011[PA]-001A - Proposals

4.2 Documents:

2.1 – Letter from Eskquire Business Owner, Alan Mulholland

2.2 – Letter from Police Scotland.

2.3 – Email from Police Scotland

4.3 Photographs:

3.1 – Proposals

3.2 - Photograph Showing Past Vandalism

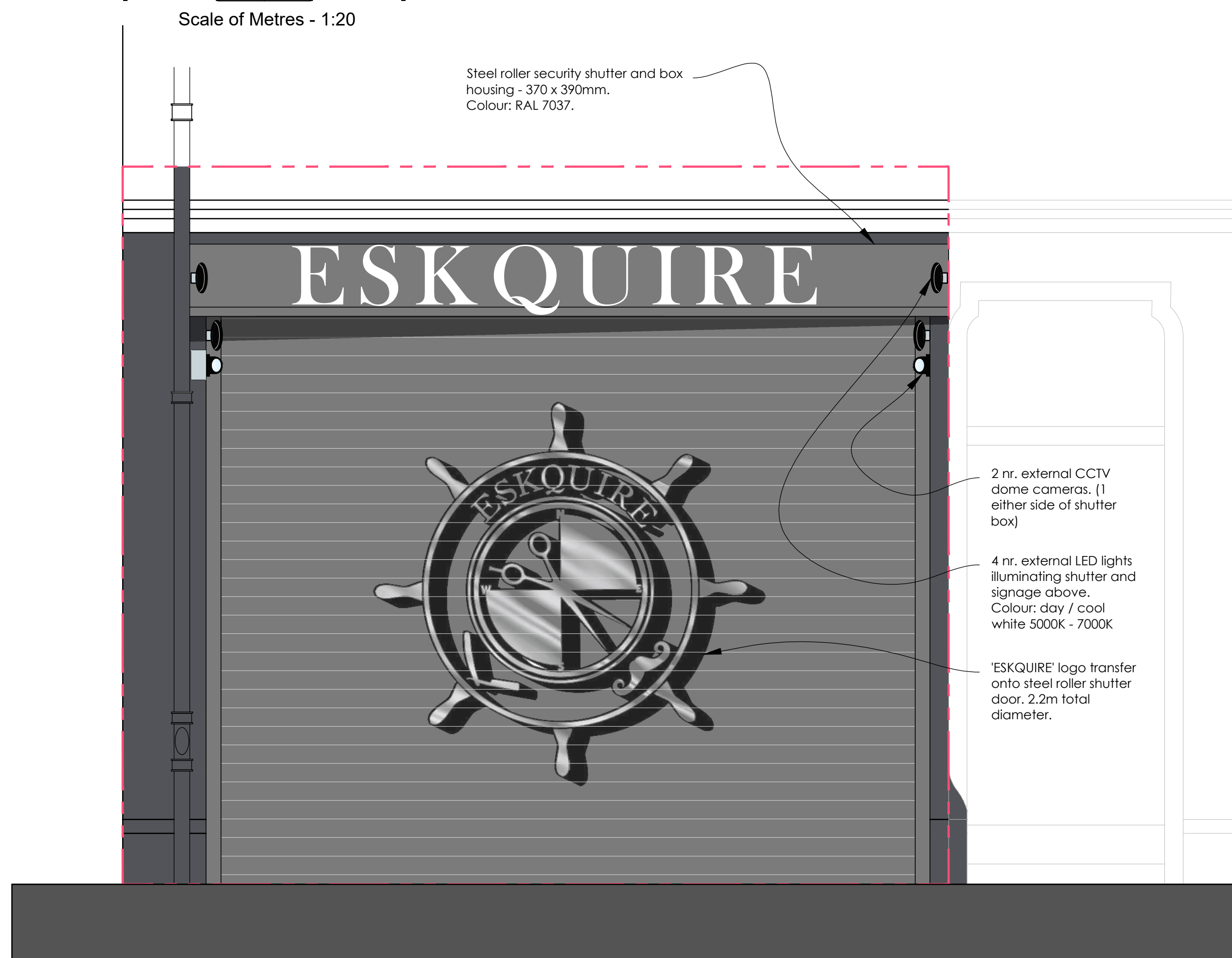
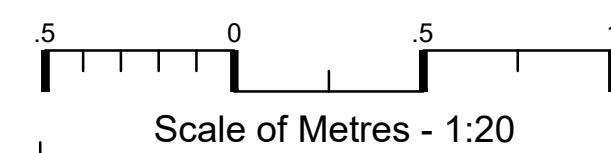
3.2 – Photograph Showing Adjacent Premises with Same Security Measures

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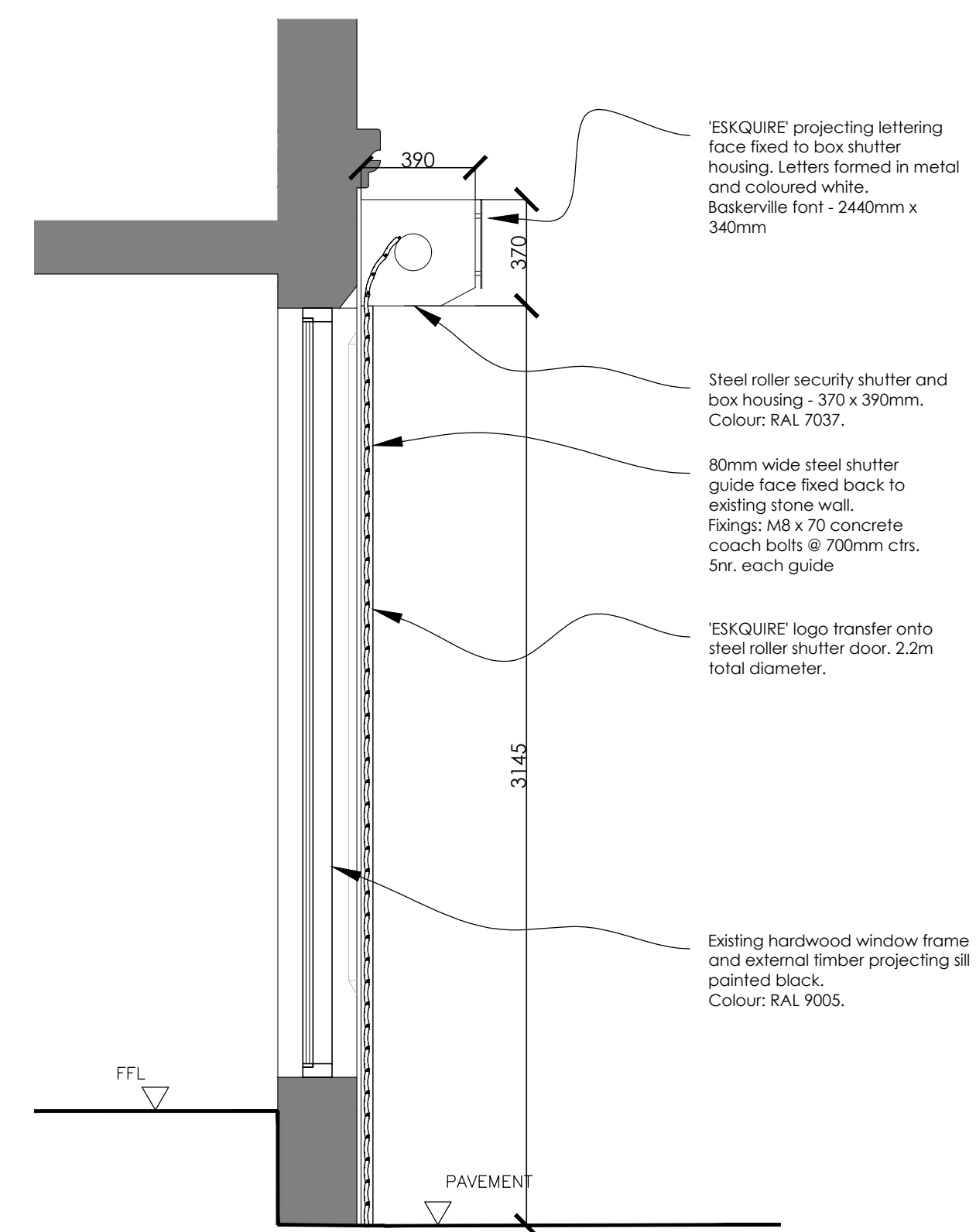
OPEN SHOP FRONT ELEVATION TO HIGH STREET | AS PROPOSED

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CLOSED SHOP FRONT ELEVATION TO HIGH STREET | AS PROPOSED

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SECTION THROUGH SHUTTER | AS PROPOSED

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Planning Statement:

147 High Street, Prestonpans is a traditional stone built tenement property circa 1881.

3-storey Baronial tenement, with roofline display and shops at ground floor. 8-bay on corner site. Stugged brown sandstone ashlar with eroded and chamfered dressings. Moulded eaves course.

3 shopfronts to ground floor, also 2 stair access doors; 2 shopfronts largely original with stallrisers and stone fascias, painted.

Windows to upper flatted villas originally timber sash and case, plate glass to front, 4-pane to rear, mostly modern replacements. Roof in graded grey Scotch slate, gabled with skewes. 3 ashlar stacks to gables and ridge, projecting cope. Decorative rainwater hoppers.

The building is Category C listed and located within Prestonpans, East Lothian.

This application includes for retrospective planning permission to install new security shutter with branded logo, company name signage above, LED lighting and paint to existing external stonework.

All work undertaken has been indicated elevation drawings and confirmed with photos.

The proposed shutter and colour is of a style which suitably compliments existing streetscape and as such there will be no detrimental impact on the to this listed building and surrounding properties.

Shutter:

- Steel reverse coil tube electric security shutter c/w external keyswitch to control.
- 3800mm (W) x 3500mm (FH)
- Colour: RAL 7037
- 'ESKQUIRE' Logo transfer to shutter face - 2.2m dia.
- 'ESKQUIRE' projecting lettering face fixed to box shutter housing.
- Letters formed in metal and Baskerville font - 2440mm x 340mm.
- Colour: White.

Externals:

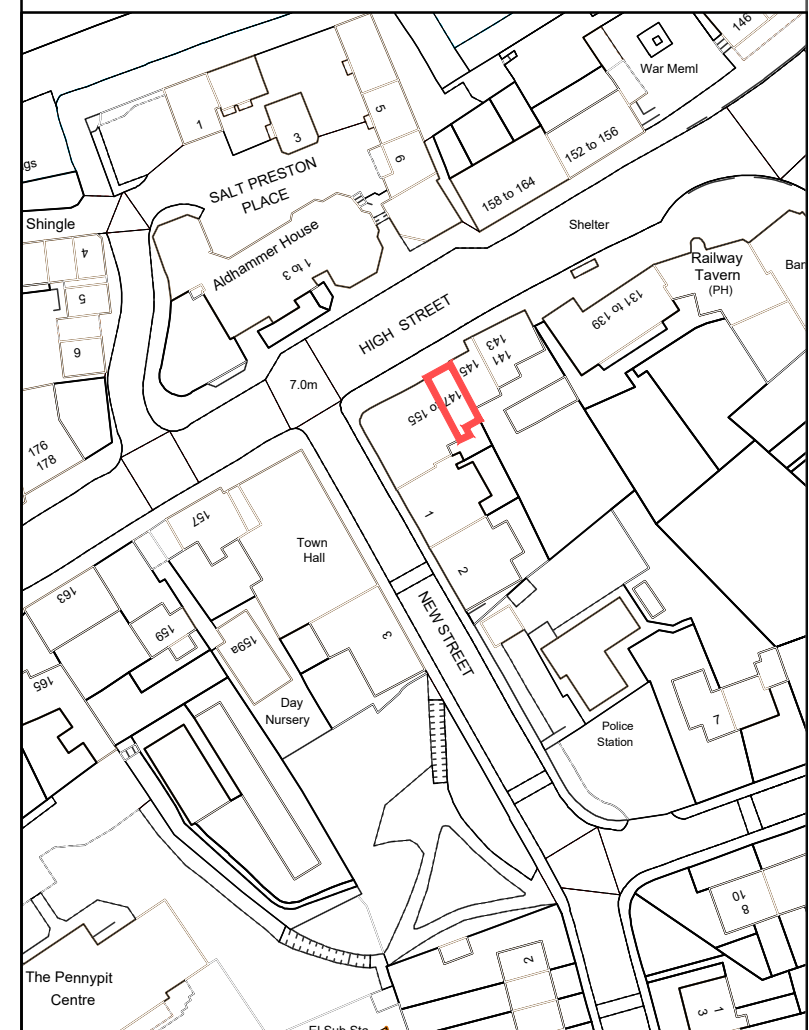
- Existing stall riser and stonework including pillars painted. Colour: RAL 7015
- Existing RWP painted. Colour: RAL 7015
- Existing hardwood window frame and projecting timber sill painted. Colour: Black RAL 9005.
- Existing security timber door shutters painted. Colour: Black 9005 and RAL 7015 (see photo).
- 'BARBER SHOP' vinyl transfer to inside of window. Max Height 510mm x full width of window. Colour: Black RAL 9005, Lettering: White.

Other:

- 4nr. external LED lights illuminating logo and signage above on shutter housing.
- Colour: Day / cool white 5000k - 7000k.
- Controlled via daylight sensor.

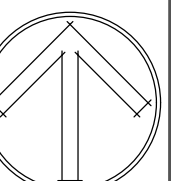
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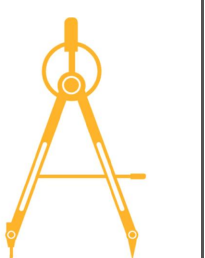
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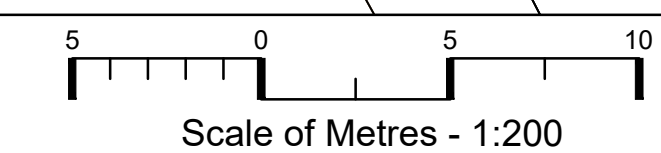
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[Appendix 2.1]

Dear Sir/madam,

I write to you to appeal against the decision to refuse the retrospective planning permission for the shop front of my business at Eskquire, 147 High Street Prestonpans EH32 9AX.

In January 2018, upon taking on the lease and entering the property at 147 High Street Prestonpans, it quickly came to light the poor up keep of this property.

I carried out renovations to my shop, from what can only be described as a shop in disrepair, tastefully keeping the period features within and adding a modern twist. I opened the Prestonpans shop for business April 2018 and have quickly gained a great reputation for male grooming within the community from young and old alike. Eskquire not only serves the local community of Prestonpans, it successfully attracts custom from as far afield as Dunbar, North Berwick and other outlying towns. Those customers frequently use other local amenities within Prestonpans while they visit and advise how nice it is to have the standard of shop such as Eskquire to frequent.

My shop was targeted by an act of vandalism late January 2020. Please see the photo attached along with the supporting letter given by the local police officer giving advice to install a roller shutter, as other shops have in the immediate vicinity. As you can see by the photo, the shop front glass is indeed "laminated safety glass" however, the size of the rock and the determination to ensure the window was completely destroyed, meant the installed "laminated safety glass" was never going to stop it.

As per planning advice given after rejection of the application (that i should consider the use of internal window shutters), I fear this will bring no protection to the ongoing threat of vandalism. With regards to the use of "Mesh frame" - apart from the sizeable area of the window, the removal of such on and off each day and storage, its very clear that a metal bar would then likely be used to vandalise the window therefore giving no protection.

After speaking to the other local shop owners, I've learnt they also previously sustained numerous damages/vandalism to their shop windows and were also forced to install roller shutter systems. Please see photos attached of the other businesses in the immediate vicinity with their shop front protection in place. Montgomery vision, kick ash, Adam smith, Goa and The wee brow bar.....The list goes on.

The decision to install the roller shutter to the shop front wasn't taken lightly, especially as it fell in the middle of a pandemic and the economic struggle that has given. I managed to source the lowest profile possible and chose a suitable colour so as to compliment the building. I believe i have done just that. There is very little stone being covered due to the very low profile design. My business operates 6 days a week 9 hours or more per day, so the roller shutter isn't in sight during this time. please see the photo attached. The financial implications of spending over five thousand pounds (£5,000 plus) during a pandemic to a small business was also very concerning but I felt i had no other option in order to protect the property from further acts of targeted vandalism. Please see the supporting letter from the local police.

During the retrospective planning process, notice was served to surrounding household and business and indeed tied to the shop front for passers by. Not one person put forward any notes of objection. In fact quite the contrary, I have many individuals locally complimenting the shutter installation/shop front.

With East Lothian council putting great efforts in to trying to regenerate Prestonpans, I would ask that careful consideration be given to Eskquire shop front so as to protect the business. Without this protection and considering the high level of threat to it, when the target vandalism continues and the large pane of "laminated safety glass" being continually destroyed and boarded up with the continued cost of such, this will have implications to business and at some point questions of running a viable business in prestonpans would have to be asked. This will of course I'm sure have an effect on regeneration trying to entice further business to set up in the local community.

Aside from the vandalism carried out to Eskquire, the problem of vandalism in Prestonpans High Street is extremely high. With the recent vandalism to the war memorial, spray painting of numerous shop fronts and damage to further properties predominantly within the Prestonpans High street area - please see police reports attached. This is unfortunately the times we live in and this unfortunately is why Eskquire requires the protection to the business by means of a roller shutter. Almost all of the business properties within Prestonpans have resigned to the need for shutter installation for the protection of their business should it be the Prestonpans High Street, Hawthorn Road shops and indeed Redburn Road shop area. Not to forget Port Seton and its shops also.

I urge you to look at the photographs of the shop as it was as "Michaels" and compare it as it is today "Eskquire", you must see that there is no detriment to the look of the building. It has enhanced the look. If i can also have you study the full frontage photograph, you will see that all stone work repairs and the white UPVC windows through out the whole frontage of the building are not within the standards advised to myself. As a small business in a very testing time, i ask that you understand and grant my business the protection it evidently requires.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Mulholland, Eskquire.

[Appendix 2.2]

OFFICIAL



Dear Mr Mulholland,

Thank you for your message regarding the planning application for the security shutters for your business premises, Esquire Barbers at 147 High Street, Prestonpans.

In response to damage to the business windows at your businesses at the above location but also to at 41A Eskside West, Musselburgh, a police investigation concluded that you had been specifically targeted. Police incidents [REDACTED] refer.

Following these incidents I spoke with you in my capacity as the Preston Seton Gosford Ward Crime Prevention Officer. Due to the nature of the incidents I assessed that it was likely that this damage could be repeated and that external shutters would be the most logical and effective means to protect your business from repeat targeted malicious damage.

Several neighbouring businesses already have similar shutter systems in place (Scotmid, Kick-Ash, Adam Smith Podiatry and B&M Bargains). Due to the previous attacks on your business the removal of the external shuttering would leave your business vulnerable to further attacks as in my opinion an external mesh, safety glass or internal shuttering would not provide adequate protection.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Crime Prevention Officer

Prestonpans Community Policing Team

Police Scotland

OFFICIAL

[Appendix 2.3]

Irvine, Ross

To: Ross Irvine
Subject: RE: Eskquire shop shutters [OFFICIAL]

From: alan mulholland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 1:51:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Eskquire shop shutters [OFFICIAL]

Please see the attached re vandalism
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 30 November 2020 at 12:30:38 GMT
To: alan mulholland [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Eskquire shop shutters [OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good Afternoon,

Police prepare a report to the Community Council every month that keeps everyone up to speed with the different crime types and number of crimes reported. Vandalism always features high on the list and is one of the most difficult to detect due to the nature of the crime (I.e. hiding face, smashing window and running off when street is quiet makes it very challenging to identify who is responsible).

In the past 6 months there have been 15 reported vandalisms in the Prestonpans area. The vandalisms tend to be at the central (High Street) locations where people congregate. In light of the fact that your business has been the victim of crime in a targeted attack, and from a crime prevention perspective, I indeed recommend that external shutters are necessary as a preventative measure to reduce the risk of any further attacks.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Prestonpans Community Policing Team

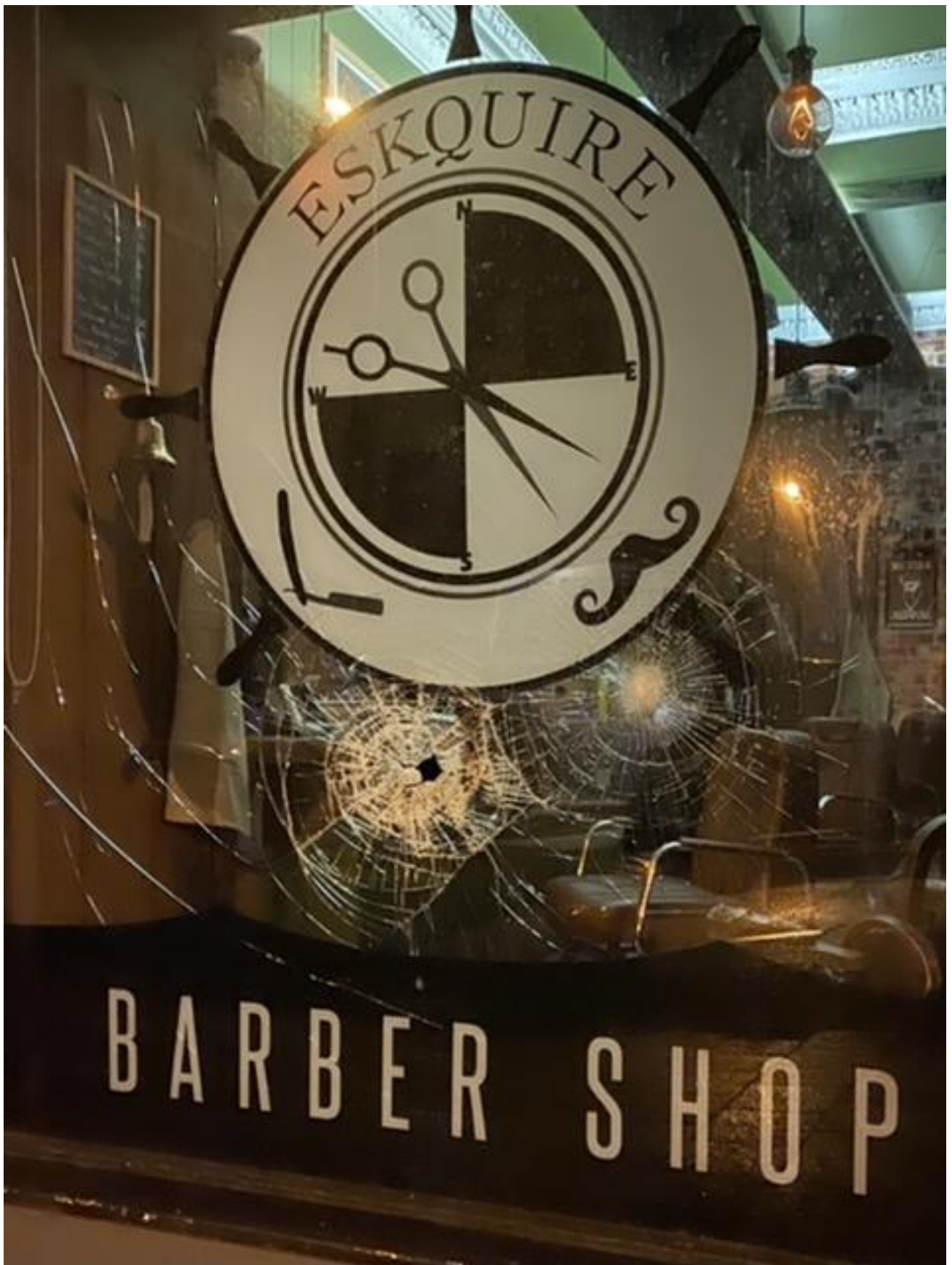
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[Appendix 3.2]



[Appendix 3.3]







