

Heritage Statement

Site name

Star Inn

**Address of site
(including postcode)**

Star Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1PD

Grid Reference

TV 5999 9954

1. Schedule of Works

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

Section of external cedar cladding to part of the front elevation.

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

Installation of cladding to front elevation.

2. Pre Application Advice

Have you consulted the East Sussex Historic Environment Record?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please attach any correspondence to this Heritage Statement
Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from the relevant local planning authority?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

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Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from Historic England?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

1: Scheduled Monument (SM)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Listed Building (LB)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Conservation Area (CA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Registered Park and Garden (RPG)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Historic Battlefield (HB)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Locally Listed Heritage Asset (LLHA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Archaeological Notification Area (ANA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Other Non-Designated Heritage Asset	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. What is known about the affected heritage assets?

4 (a). Using the information obtained through research and on-site analysis provide a summary of the history of the site/building.

INFORMATION & HISTORY:

Star Inn, Star Road, Eastbourne. A locally listed building created by Eastbourne Borough Council. The building was built in the 18th Century.

The Star Inn is all that is left of the old Star Brewery which occupied the site behind the pub and closed in 1967 and is now housing and retail. Note the archway on the right hand side of the pub which gave access to the old Brewery. The Bourne Stream (from which Eastbourne derives its name) runs through the site though it is now fully culverted. The bar on the right has a dado of a distinct style that could be 1950s but more likely 1930s; the counter front is of the same panelling but stain removed and it has a new top and the bar back is modern. The room has lost its fireplace on the right hand side. Note the interesting split-back chairs that could date from the 1950s (or 1930s?) and probably imported. Also of note are the colour leaded windows on the right hand side with the unusual sloping panelling underneath. The dado panelling continues in the staircase lobby at the rear leading to the (modernised) toilets. The left bar has some fielded panelling on the dado and on the bar counter with a replacement top but has a modern bar back. Note the distinctive swivel bar stools. There is a classic 1930s brick fireplace. Different floorboards indicates this large room could have been two rooms sometime in the past so probably one room since 1930s - no old fittings on far left side. The distracting feature is the small part of the counter removed in about 2007 to create a link between both bars and the new counter front on the return. There is some dado panelling on the passage between the two rooms. There is a kitchen situated between the two bars which could have been an off sales in the past. Gents toilets in left hand bar side are intact 1930s ones with floor to ceiling 1930s glazed brick walls and three big urinals (ladies modernised).

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

Please tick the relevant boxes

HER	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Keep (East Sussex Record Office)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Map regression (historic maps)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Planning Authority sources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic England sources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Museum or Library (please provide details)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

While not an area of special interest the site does hold an important place in our conservation history, being the subject of one of the longest and bitterest preservation battles fought and lost in Eastbourne. In 1970 the area contained many unique boulder-faced cottages housed in quaint narrow lanes, in the centre of which stood the Star Brewery. When in 1965 the brewery was taken over by the Courage, Barclay and Simonds combine, the building was made redundant. Many ideas were put forward for the area as a whole, either to utilize the old time beauty of the place or to demolish and redevelop as a modern shopping centre. Most believed that given the right consideration by the local council, this could have provided a living history with the brewery adapted for a crafts centre and the cottages retaining their distinctive character of old Eastbourne.

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

It is not intended to remove any of the existing building fabric but purely to clad part of the front elevation. The building we understand is locally listed.

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

We do not feel that the installation of the cladding will affect the heritage assets of this locally listed building & can confirm that the eventual possible removal will not leave permanent damage to the existing fabric.