HERITAGE STATEMENT - MINOR WORKS

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSNET FOR ERECTION OF A SATELLITE DISH AT WHITBY LIGHTHOUSE COTTAGES, WHITBY

REFERENCE NYM/2013/0251/NEW

1. What is significant about the Heritage Asset?

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Whitby Lighthouse is an operational Aid to Navigation. It is a smedium range mainland lighthouse (range: white 18 miles, red 16 miles). The lighthouse was manned until 1991 with keepers resident in the two adjoining cottages..

Trinity House built the present lighthouse (designed by Chief Engineer James Walker) on Ling Hill in 1858. Originally a pair of towers, aligned north-south and showing fixed lights over Whitby Rock, the station was altered in 1890 when a more efficient light was installed in the smaller tower and the other was discontinued.

The lighthouse and dwellings were listed (Grade II) on 7 July 1989.

LISTING TEXT

HAWSKER-CUM-STAINSACRE LING HILL NZ 91 SW 1/149 Whitby High Light

Lighthouse and attached keepers' cottages. 1857-58; cottages extended in C20. By James Walker for Trinity House. Red brick, rendered and painted white; green-painted chamfered plinth and dressings. Painted corrugated iron lantern with painted iron gallery. Brass fittings. Slate roofs to cottages. Landward front: 1-stage octagonal tower with basement and lantern, flanked by linking bays to 1-storey, 2-window cottage fronts. Tower has 2-light window recessed in deeply splayed opening in lower stage. Above, a relief moulding of Trinity House arms. Gallery of horizontal railings and square-section standards with bulb and mushroom finials, on shaped corbels, encircles tower at lantern level. Lantern surmounted by conical cap, finial and weathervane. Linking bays have 4-panel doors beneath bracketed flat hoods. Cottage fronts have 4-pane sashes with painted sills. Cottage roofs are pyramidal with conjoined stacks at apex. Interior of tower. Basement (formerly oilroom) fitted with curved staging and furniture. Ground floor (formerly service room) has fitted furniture and contains encased clock weights for occulting mechanism in lantern. Lantern retains gallery and stairs with foliate brackets and standards respectively. Outer-door handle is traditional grasping hand. Replacement catadioptric lens of 1890 still in use, and the occulting mechanism of same date survives as back-up system to present light. Cottage extensions and peripheral buildings not of special interest, D.B. Hague and R. Christie, Lighthouses: Their Architecture, History and Archaeology. D.Jackson, Lighthouses of England and Wales. Trinity House leaflet, Whitby.

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2. What works are proposed?

Erection of satellite dish attached to chimney of Galatea Cottage. There are two cottages attached to the lighthouse, one to the north and one to the south. Galatea Cottage is the southern cottage.

3. What impact do the works have on the part of the heritage asset affected?

Listed building consent was obtained in 2008 to install the satellite dish. That consent was limited to 5 years. This application is to allow the satellite dish to remain in place. Therefore if permission is granted there will be no change to the existing appearance of Galatea cottage and the lighthouse.

4. How has the impact of the proposal been minimised?

The chimney is painted black and the satellite dish is painted black to blend in with it. The roof slates are also a dark colour.