

Walkabout

Carver Street, Sheffield



The Walkabout public house in Sheffield is a former Methodist Church and designated heritage asset. It required extensive refurbishment and improved operational hours. We assisted the freeholders by preparing both listed building and planning applications.

The site is an attractive 19th century, Grade II-Listed building, which is located within the Sheffield City Centre Conservation Area. As a result, the design considerations were particularly closely scrutinised. We met with the local planning authority prior to submission to establish the parameters for refurbishing the building. A key objective was to enhance the contribution that the building could make to its local setting. The application also demonstrated that the extension of opening hours would not impact on amenity currently experienced by residents.

The South Yorkshire Archaeology Service had concerns about the graveyard and gravestones at the site. We provided information to demonstrate that the burials would be protected from any physical impact by elevating the proposed decking, and agreed to record all gravestones and their inscriptions alongside archaeological monitoring of works associated with the proposed refurbishment.

Some local residents also objected to the proposals in respect of opening hours and impact of the proposals on the character of the area. We were able to achieve a beneficial outcome for Intertain by showing the proposals were in line with similar premises in the area, which secured the approval of the application.



Summary of achievements

- Coordination and preparation of the planning applications including Planning and Heritage Statements
- Working closely with the local planning authority to address amenity objections, archaeology concerns and specific design changes
- Project management of the wider consultation team
- Formal negotiations on conditions

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