

Heritage statement for 55-57 High Street specifically 55b High Street, Arundel, West Sussex, BN15 8AJ
To seal off residential flat from the commercial space and create new entrance through 57 High St common drop

-Historic Context

Arundel was mainly developed during the Saxon period and was referred to in the Domesday Book in 1086, by which time Arundel had become a flourishing market town and port, with a population of a few hundred. In 1243 Arundel Castle came to be owned by the Fitzpigg family then at the end of the 16th century the castle and Arundel was passed to the Duke of Norfolk. The Dukes dominated Arundel for centuries and during that time Arundel was a busy international port, with ships sailing to and from Arundel via the river Arun to the sea 5 miles away.

During the English Civil War Arundel Castle changed hands three times and at the end of the war it was severely damaged and reduced to a partial ruin, then at the end of the 18th century when it was rebuilt for the first time, then at the end of the 19th century it was largely rebuilt again as it is today. Between the Civil War and the late 18th Century Arundel was in a very poor state, however by the turn of the 19th Century it had become a small flourishing market town with a population a little under 1,000. During the 19th century Arundel grew considerably and by 1901 it had a population of over 3,000. The current population is 3880.

The Architecture

Arundel is recognised not only by residents but also visitors for its quantity, quality and variety of historic buildings within a relatively small area. The town still reflects much of the shape and character of its medieval footprint although most of the remaining timber framed buildings are hidden behind later facades. Out of around 550 buildings in the Conservation Area, a large proportion is listed, and many of the others are of architectural or historic interest.

Most houses are brick or flint or a mixture of the two, and in a few cases, sandstone is used. A variety of brick colours are found of which red is probably the commonest, but blue bricks combined with red brick in geometric patterns are to be seen on several buildings. Flemish bonded brickwork is the commonest and sometimes it is juxtaposed with English bond to provide a decorative feature. Other brick features are the quoins, emulating stone ones by repeating three long bricks followed by three short bricks and so on up the corner of a building, brick labels and arches

over windows, and modillion eaves cornices (BEP). Flints are found in three forms, unengaged, engaged, bonded and square engaged. Some buildings have stuccoed or rendered walls, generally painted white or cream. Roofs are pitched and tiled and covered in hand made tiles or slate. Many doorways are pedimented. The designs range from simple unsupported ones to grandiose pillared porches. Windows are generally painted oak timber, although there are a reasonable number of timber casements. In both, glazing bars are used to divide up the glass areas into smaller panes.

Other materials used in the grander houses are stucco as at 25 and 45-49 Malvern Street, and yellow brick at 55-57 High Street.

Unusually, 57 High Street is built from yellow brick work. It was originally built as an Arundel residence for Lord Zuytze of Parham Park and was built in approximately 1760. Since the mid 1970's the building has been occupied by Nat West bank and offices which resulted in many of the original Georgian features being blocked up or removed. In 2005 the upper floors of the building were converted into 8 apartments with many of the original internal features restored and renovated and the more modern inappropriate details removed and replaced with details to match the existing. This application is to reimpose the look of the building to its original use as a proper residence which makes more sense than being attached to the commercial space to move through to the bank space. The List Entry Summary is as follows:

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: 54-57 High Street, WESTMINSTER BANK LTD

List entry Number: 1247998

Location

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK LTD, 55 AND 57, HIGH STREET

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: West Sussex

District: Arun

District Type: District Authority

Parish: Arundel

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 06-Jun-1989

Legacy System Information

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Asset Groupings

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List entry Description

Summary of Building

1. 54-57 HIGH STREET (West Side) Nos 55 & 57 (National Westminster Bank Ltd) TQ 6107 914A
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2. Late C18. Town house of Lord Zuytze of Parham Park. Yellow brick. Stringcourse to 1st floor, cornice and coping of parapet all of ashlar. Mansard tiled roof. Brick blocking courses at gable ends. Yellow brick chimneys, 2 storeys and attics. Parapet to cornice, with balustrades inserted above each bay 6 bays. Ground floor has blind round-arched arcade with ashlar stringcourse of springer height. Modern openings (4 windows and 2 doors). 3rd floor in modern opening to south. 1st and 2nd floors have 6 ranges of double-hung sashes with glazing bars. Interior has cantilevered staircase in oval stairhall with gullies moulding round ceiling cornice. Rectangular room on 1st floor, with segmental north wall and 1 semi-circular niche either side of chimneypiece. Door with gullies pattern and rosettes. Entablature with moulded architrave and cornice, frieze with rosettes. Parapet with moulded architrave, pilastered frieze, dentilled cornice on beaded consoles, themselves on acanthus corbels. Paneled reveals to 8 paneled door with brass orn handles and decorated brass hinges. Wooden chimneypieces with beaded consoles either side, frieze with fluting, rosettes and urn. Cove to moulded cornice. 3 windows in rectangular niches, with paneled shutters. Nos 51 to 67 (odd) form a group.

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