APPLICATION NO: 20/01702/LBC		OFFICER: Mr Chris Morris
DATE REGISTERED: 31st October 2020		DATE OF EXPIRY: 26th December 2020
DATE VALIDATED: 31st October 2020		DATE OF SITE VISIT:
WARD: Pittville		PARISH:
APPLICANT:	Cheltenham Borough Council	
AGENT:		
LOCATION:	Pittville Pump Room, East Approach Drive, Cheltenham	
PROPOSAL:	Investigate survey to open up three sections of the balcony	

RECOMMENDATION: Grant



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1. DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND PROPOSAL

- **1.1** Pittville Pump Room is a grade II listed building within Pittville Park, a grade II listed Park and Garden. It is also within the Central Conservation Area: Pittville Park Character Area.
- 1.2 The proposed works are for the temporary opening up of three sections of modern fabric around the balcony on the west elevation to assess the damage to the fabric as a result of water ingress.
- 1.3 The works are required to come to Planning Committee due to the building being in the ownership of Cheltenham Borough Council and therefore falling outside the agreed scheme of delegation.

2. CONSTRAINTS AND RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

Constraints:

Conservation Area Listed Buildings Grade 1 Principal Urban Area

Relevant Planning History:

03/00867/LBC 1st October 2003 GRANT

Installation of lightning conductor system to BS 6515:1999

03/01162/LBC 21st October 2003 WDN

Refurbishment to box office in fover. Internal work

03/01163/LBC 21st October 2003 WDN

Installation of modern catering kitchen, re-plastering throughout (no alteration to vent or water routing/waste)

04/00117/LBC 6th April 2004 GRANT

Installation of modern catering kitchen, repairs to plaster. New extract vent at roof level no alteration to water routing/waste

04/00118/LBC 6th April 2004 GRANT

Refurbishment to box office in foyer (all internal work)

85/00064/LS 27th June 1985 PER

Pittville Pump Room Car Park Cheltenham Gloucestershire - Erection Of 6 Light Standards

87/00218/LS 26th March 1987 PER

Pittville Pump Room Cheltenham Gloucestershire - Alteration To Widen Existing Pair Of Doors Serving Chair Store

87/01249/AN 17th December 1987 REF

Pittville Pump Rooms Cheltenham Gloucestershire - Display Of Non Illuminated Advertisement

96/01060/LA 20th February 1997 WDN

Attachment Of Brackets Supporting Cameras To First Floor Window Ledge At Rear Of Building To Increase Security Of Public Car Parking Area

98/01136/LA 11th February 1999 WDN

Repainting Of Interior Of The Oval Room

04/00719/LBC 3rd August 2004 GRANT

Installation of a new lift and associated internal alterations

04/00926/LBC 1st July 2004 PGOSW

Replacement of failed render with stone above lead flashing detail on south elevation at first floor level

05/00938/FUL 21st July 2005 WDN

New gates and railings at East Approach and West Approach entrances to Pittville Pump Rooms and Park

05/00939/LBC 18th July 2005 WDN

New gates and railings at East Approach and West Approach entrances to Pittville Pump Rooms and Park

05/01664/FUL 27th June 2006 WDN

New gates and railings at East Approach and West Approach entrances to Pittville Pump Room and Park

05/01665/LBC 27th June 2006 WDN

New gates and railings at East Approach and West Approach entrances to Pittville Pump Rooms and Park.

06/00700/LBC 22nd June 2006 WDN

Automation of principal entrance doors to improve disabled access including installation of external barriers

07/00361/FUL 25th May 2007 PER

New gates and railings at East Approach entrance and West Approach entrance to Pittville Pump Rooms and park

07/00362/LBC 25th May 2007 GRANT

New gates and railings at East Approach entrance and West approach entrance to Pittville Pump Rooms and park

07/01529/LBC 22nd January 2008 GRANT

Removal of maple boarding on battens laid over original pine boarding and replacement with oak boarding on plywood underlayment over pine boarding, with reinstatement of existing heating system to Main Hall and Spa Room and addition of solar panel assembly mounted on external parapetted flat roof over Oval Room

08/01485/LBC 12th January 2009 GRANT

Internal redecoration of the first floor rooms, the ground floor entrance foyer and the second staircase together with minor building works, and reinstatement of fittings relevant to the rooms being decorated

10/00064/LBC 13th April 2010 GRANT

Relocation of partition wall within rear chair store and modifications to chair store entrance

83/01243/LA 26th January 1984 GRANT

Internal alterations to partition off female WC and provision of separate uni-sex disabled WC

82/01181/LA 29th April 1982 GRANT

Alterations comprising 2 decorative gates to East and West balconies, a partition to the head of the West stair and a partition beneath secondary staircase at first floor level

16/01291/LBC 23rd September 2016 GRANT

Replace internal door at Pittville Pump Room

16/01590/CLBW 22nd September 2016 CERTPU

Replacement doors to gas meter cupboard

17/00183/CLBW 20th February 2017 CERTPU

Upgrade existing doors to fire doors

18/02136/LBC 21st December 2018 GRANT

Replacement of third decayed timber to dome at top of building with new.

19/00485/LBC 4th June 2019 GRANT

To remove abestos cement promenade tiles from the flat roof to the rear of the Pittville Pump Rooms 1960 extension, repair existing ashphelt covering and overlay with liquard applied waterproof membrane colour to match existing, renew 10 nr circular skylights using white GPP to match existing profiles, with triple skin polycaronate skin to adjacent existing leads and copper flashings to suit

20/01899/LBC INV

Installation of 8no. speakers located under the colonnade to supply music and announcements to the colonnade area of the Pump Rooms.

3. POLICIES AND GUIDANCE

National Planning Policy Framework

Section 16 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

Saved Local Plan Policies

Not applicable.

Adopted Cheltenham Plan Policies

Not applicable.

Adopted Joint Core Strategy Policies

SD8 Historic Environment

Supplementary Planning Guidance/Documents

Not applicable.

4. CONSULTATIONS

Historic England

12th November 2020

Thank you for your letter of 4 November 2020 regarding the above application for listed building consent. On the basis of the information available to date, we do not wish to offer any comments. We suggest that you seek the views of your specialist conservation adviser.

It is not necessary for us to be consulted on this application again, unless there are material changes to the proposals. However, if you would like detailed advice from us, please contact us to explain your request.

Building Control

6th November 2020

No comments to be made.

5. PUBLICITY AND REPRESENTATIONS

Number of letters sent	1
Total comments received	0
Number of objections	0
Number of supporting	0
General comment	0

- **5.1** An advertisement was placed in the Gloucestershire Echo and a site notice was erected in close proximity to the site.
- **5.2** No comments were received.

6. OFFICER COMMENTS

- 6.1 As a Cheltenham Borough Council owned building the works falling outside the agreed scheme of delegation and therefore are required to be considered at Planning Committee.
- 6.2 It is important to consider the policy context in which the proposal needs to be considered. The cornerstone of heritage legislation is the Planning (Listed buildings and Conservation Area) Act 1990, Section 16(2) which requires local planning authorities to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the special architectural or historic interest of listed buildings and their setting. A core principle of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 (NPPF) is heritage assets be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance. Chapter 16, paragraphs 193-196 set out the framework for decision making with applications relating to heritage assets. This assessment takes account of the relevant considerations in these paragraphs, including paragraph 192 of the NPPF which requires the significance of heritage assets to be sustained and enhanced, with paragraph 193 requiring great weight be given to the asset's conservation.
- 6.3 The proposed works are for the temporary opening up of three sections of modern fabric around the balcony on the west elevation. The three areas to be surveyed are described within the application as the underside of the portico area, the opening up of a small part of the balcony deck and opening up along the edge between the balcony roof and wall to the main building. These areas are shown in the submitted elevations and floor plans.
- 6.4 No historic fabric will be affected by the proposed works, the materials to be removed to allow for the opening up are fibre board with a painted finish with some timber moulding detail to the edges all dating from the 1960s.
- 6.5 The opening up works are necessary to assess the damage to the fabric as a result of water ingress. A further listed building consent application will be forthcoming for repair works once the investigation associated with the opening up works has concluded.

6.6 The proposed works are considered essential for the good maintenance of the listed building. The proposed works are considered to be in the interests of sustaining the listed building and therefore comply with Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990, Chapter 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy SD8 of the Joint Core Strategy 2017.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is recommended the application be granted with conditions.

8 CONDITIONS / INFORMATIVES

1 The listed building consent hereby granted shall be begun not later than the expiration of three years from the date of this decision.

Reason: To accord with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The listed building consent hereby granted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans listed in Schedule 1 of this decision notice.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

All disturbed surfaces shall be made good using materials to match the existing materials, composition, form, finish and colour of the existing building unless otherwise agreed with the local planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of the special architectural and historic qualities of the Listed Building, having regard to policy SD8 of the Joint Core Strategy (2017), Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Chapter 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Historic Environment Good Practice Advice (note 2).

INFORMATIVES

In accordance with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 and the provisions of the NPPF, the Local Planning Authority adopts a positive and proactive approach to dealing with planning applications and where possible, will seek solutions to any problems that arise when dealing with a planning application with the aim of fostering the delivery of sustainable development.

At the heart of this positive and proactive approach is the authority's pre-application advice service for all types of development. Further to this however, the authority publishes guidance on the Council's website on how to submit planning applications and provides full and up-to-date information in relation to planning applications to enable the applicant, and other interested parties, to track progress.

In this instance, having had regard to all material considerations, the application constitutes sustainable development and has therefore been approved in a timely manner.