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Please refer to full Design + Access and Conservation Statement submitted with Application 1828/17/LBC for further details of the justification for the approved scheme.

Alterations Proposed to Approved Scheme:

- New Double Door Opening in non-medieval fabric between 'Old Fire Station' and 'Old Police Station Reception'.
- Demolition of suspended timber floor in 'Old Police Station Reception'. Installation of new ground bearing floor at lower level.

Justification for Alterations:

The alterations are required to provide a level / accessible entrance to the proposed Shop from the proposed Gateway Reception as without interrupting the circulation of the Heritage Gateway Centre. We believe the small loss of historic (non-medieval) fabric can be justified by the public benefit of the improved visitor experience and potential to generate revenue to support the long term future of the Heritage Gateway Centre.

Preapplication Comments:

WDBC Conservation Officer - Graham Lawrence – 23/05.2018.

'The amendments will require a new LBC application as there is the new opening through a solid wall and the lowering of the floor. As the wall is assumed to be a 19th century wall I do not envisage this being an issue as clearly the public benefits of the scheme outweigh the minor loss of fabric. If the lowering of the floor can be accommodated by replacing the floating timber floor then only LBC is needed'.

We would politely request that this application is processed as soon as possible to avoid any delay to the Heritage Lottery Fund formal permission to start notification.

Thank you.