# 23 Trafalgar Street

BH2020/00215



#### **Application Description**

Planning permission is sought for the change of use of the basement and ground floors from retail (Use Class A1) to a mixed use of retail and drinking establishment (Use Classes A1 and A4).

This would involve the installation of a new shopfront incorporating a separate entrance to the existing upper floor maisonette, the installation of external stairs and seating to the rear, revised fenestration to the rear, new ramped access to the front and the reinstatement of a front lightwell.

## **Existing Location Plan**





## Map of application site





## **Aerial photo of site**





## 3D Aerial photo of site



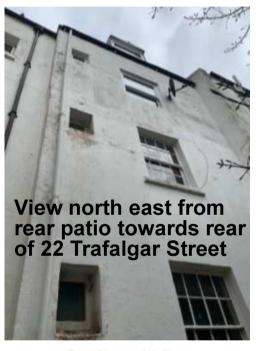




## Street photos of site



















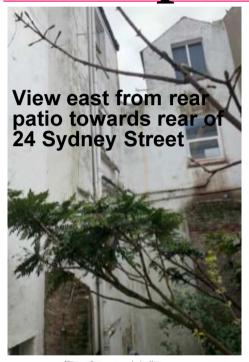






















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## **Existing Block Plan**

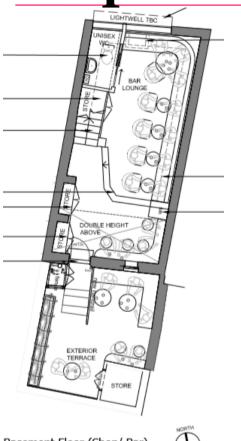




## **Existing Floor Plans**

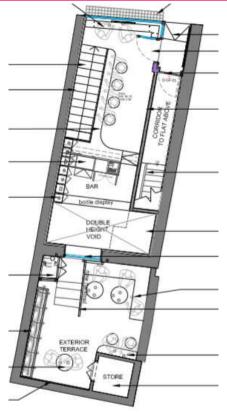


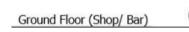
### **Proposed Floor Plans**













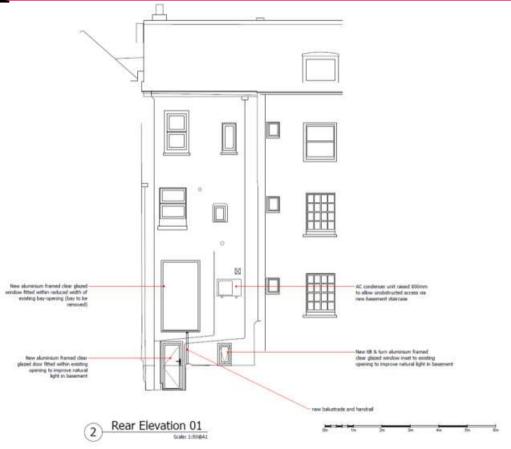
#### **Proposed Front Elevation**





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#### **Proposed Rear Elevation**





#### **Contextual Front Elevation**





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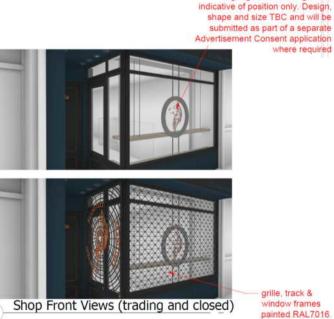
#### **Proposed Visuals**





Shop Front Views (trading and closed)

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Signage behind the glass is



#### Key Considerations in the Application

- The principle of introducing an A4 use to the premises
- The design of the shopfront, shop shutters and other alterations, and their impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area
- The impact of the A4 element of the proposal on the amenity of neighbouring properties with regards to noise and general disturbance
- The impact on highways

#### **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- The introduction of the A4 element provides a night-time economy use, encourages combined trips and attracts pedestrian activity.
- The shopfront, shop shutters and other alterations are an improvement on the existing situation and would therefore enhance the special character and appearance of the conservation area.
- Following amendments, the rear external area would only be open to 18:00 and the impact on neighbours can be controlled by conditions regarding opening hours, music and soundproofing.
- The proposal would not lead to significantly increased traffic generation or parking stress and no cycle parking is required.
- As such, the development is considered to be acceptable and is recommended for approval.