

## St Andrew's Street North

Only a relatively small part of St Andrew's Street North is within the conservation area. To the western side the boundary is at the Bus Station while on the east it is further south at No 67 St Andrew's Street. This was historically the town ditch on the western side of the medieval town centre with the Risby Gate at the, now rather ill-defined junction with Risbygate Street. Like the remainder of the street to the south, this is a wide thoroughfare with the buildings set back on either side of a wide carriageway and wide pavements. It seems that ever since the town ditch was infilled it has been a wide street. Warren's map of 1776 shows it thus and with buildings flanking the carriageway on either side certainly at the south end within what is now the conservation area. It seems none of the buildings shown on the Warren map survives with most having been replaced in the early 19<sup>th</sup> C. While the parts of St Andrew's Street to the south reflect their traditional service activities to buildings to the east in Guildhall Street and Cornhill, the buildings here were mainly built as commercial premises with residential uses over.



The scale of the conservation area buildings is consistent with three storeys to the south and otherwise two storeys. White bricks with slate roofs are the dominant traditional materials. The buildings in the conservation area here form continuous terraces. Only the Grapes public house on the corner of Brentgoval Street is listed in this part of the conservation area. This has been a somewhat overlooked part of the conservation area but investment in recent years has seen the restoration of handsome historic buildings. Hopefully this will continue. It is a very encouraging trend to see such refurbishments being carried out as these historic and interesting buildings are key elements in the conservation area and to have them restored gives hope that other 'heritage assets' identified in the pages of this gazetteer will also be improved to enhance the conservation area.

The carriageway is finished in asphalt with setts as parking bays, and the pavements have modern concrete flags. Unusually for the conservation area, there are semi-mature trees in the highway but these enhance this rather wide street. Modern highway lighting on standards and, in contrast, folksy telegraph poles and cables.

### 1 St Andrew's Street North

This is a building of somewhat indeterminate age. It is so affected by later changes that its provenance is hard to establish from what is visible externally. It has two storeys of stucco rendered walling with a slated roof.

It has two modern casements at first floor level and, at ground level, shop fronts and a large entrance screen, which all have modern joinery. There is a separate arched opening to the south with a modern panelled door which appears to provide access to the rear. Plastic rainwater goods.



This is a building which seems to be from the early 19<sup>th</sup> C but could be somewhat older. It is clearly of some age and could benefit from further investigation. While currently it barely makes any positive contribution to the conservation area, with some judicious restoration this could be greatly enhanced.

### 1a, 2, 3 and 4 St Andrew's Street North

This is a very handsome terrace of early 19<sup>th</sup> C houses some of which have commercial/ shop uses at ground floor. In two storeys of white brick, which has largely been cleaned in recent times, with a parapet and hidden gutter. This brick cleaning seems to have been part of a comprehensive restoration of numbers 2 to 4. Slated roofs with lead lined dormers and brick stacks. The terrace is divided with three bays breaking forward of the main building line. No1 has a stucco render finish which is clearly added to the original brick face.



It appears that originally there was a single sash window in each bay at first floor level but one opening is now blind and at No 1a the opening is lost due to the over coating with render. At ground floor level there is a modern shop front at No 1a but otherwise there are paired doors in each projecting bay with a pair of windows at the northern recessed bay and a door adjacent to the shop front (this is a modern alteration) at the north recessed bay and further north at the extreme end of the terrace. The windows in brickwork have gauged flat arches and the original door openings have gauged brick semi-circular arches. The actual disposition of the individual houses is hard to understand as there are so many doors.

No 1a has plastic windows with a modern half glazed multipane door. While the remainder of the terrace have what appear to be original six over six sashes and modern half glazed doors. Iron rainwater goods.

The restored parts of this terrace show quite how some investment can lead to a major enhancement of the historic buildings and in turn a conservation area. The unrestored element of the terrace stands in stark contrast and rather detracts at present but could be restored to make a significant positive contribution to the conservation area in the way that its neighbours in the remainder of the terrace already do now.

## Oriental House, 5 St Andrew's Street North

This is a building from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> C in two storeys of white brick with a slated roof with a brick stack. The main part of the building is a symmetrical and with three bays, with a central ground floor entrance door, above which is a smart stone faux scroll date/name tablet, flanked by a window at each floor windows. To the north there is another bay with a large opening at ground floor containing modern close boarded wooden doors, with a plain modern rendered surround, above which is another single window.



The windows and door have stone lintols with console brackets with a shallow pediment. The two over two sashes are original as is the panelled door. Plastic rainwater goods.

The building appears to currently be used as offices but was, presumably, originally residential.

This is a handsome historic building which makes a positive contribution to the conservation area.

## 6 St Andrew's Street North

This is a stucco rendered building in three storeys and may be 18<sup>th</sup> C but certainly has some age, and is likely to be at least early 19<sup>th</sup> C. It has a slated roof and a single window at the first and second floors, both with 19<sup>th</sup> C two over two sashes. The ground floor has what appears to be a modern shop front in early 19<sup>th</sup> C style, with a six-pane shop window and a multipane glazed door. Plastic rainwater goods.

This is an historic building which may benefit from further research. It is of interest in the conservation area and makes a positive contribution to it.



## 7 St Andrew's Street North

This is a mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> C commercial building with residential accommodation above. In three storeys of stucco render and with three elements comprising a central gabled part in three storeys with flanking two storey elements. The south element has a separate double pitched roof and an opening for access to the rear at ground floor and a single window at first floor level. The north element has a cat slide roof contiguous with the roof on the central element, an entrance door at ground floor and a single window at first floor. The central section has a dentiled barge board, single window at second floor and a pair at first floor, while the ground floor has a modern shop front. The roof finishes are modern concrete interlocking tiles. The windows are all one over one sashes, with arched heads. The ground floor joinery is all modern.



Whilst an historic building, the modern changes to this building have rather undermined the interest that the building has. Notwithstanding that, it does make a very modest contribution to the conservation area which would be enhanced with restoration.

## 67-71 St Andrew's Street North

This is a very handsome terrace from the early years of the 19<sup>th</sup> C. It is an (almost) symmetrical composition with six bays of fenestration to a central section which is flanked by pedimented pavilions at each end. Presumably built as a residential terrace in two storeys of white brickwork with slated roof and brick stacks.

The first floor is in the most original condition with six over six sashes to the centre section and with a handsome arched headed window in the northern pavilion with the same opening at the south end being filled with a close boarded door. At ground level the north pavilion (No 67) has modern wooden palisaded gates and an opening to the rear. Nos 67/68 has a painted ground floor with a single window, matching those on the first floor and a modern entrance door. No 69 seems to have been largely rebuilt in salvaged bricks and the single window at ground floor matching those above and a modern half glazed entrance door. No70 and No 71 are both entirely modern rebuilding and both rather detract from the historic terrace and the conservation area. All the original openings have stone lintols and while No 70 has original sashes at first floor others are modern replacements. Plastic rainwater goods

The group has had some restoration in recent years but the southern pavilion (No71) and the adjacent house to the north (No70) have painted brickwork. These and other modern alterations rather spoil the homogeneity of the terrace and detracts. Otherwise, this is a very handsome terrace which would benefit from restoration. As it is the building makes a positive contribution to the conservation area, were it restored the terrace would make a very strong positive contribution to it.



## 72 St Andrew's Street North

This building forms part of a terrace with others to the north and south but is set back from the building line of those to the north with a forecourt behind the pavement. It is so affected by modern alterations that its provenance is difficult to establish visually. However, it is clearly a building of some age and, indeed may even date back to the 18<sup>th</sup> C. It has two storeys of stucco render presumably on wooden frames, with dormered attic accommodation in the clay tiled roof which has a red brick stack. The premises are divided into two uses with a ground floor café with a separate accommodation entrance to residential accommodation above. The café sign detracts.

There are two bays of fenestration above the ground floor with modern casements at first floor and in the lead lined dormers. The ground floor has a single fixed window and flanking doorways. Again all the joinery here is modern too.

Plastic rainwater goods.

This is another building which in its current state detracts rather than adds to the conservation area but it is far from a lost cause. It could be hugely enhanced with some limited investment and better signage and would then make a positive contribution. Attention should also be paid to enhancing the forecourt. It would also benefit from further research.

## 73-75 St Andrew's Street North

This is a handsome terrace of three early Victorian houses which still have reminders of the period houses that they once were. They are part of a terrace with No 72 and the Grapes public house. At the time of the survey alteration works in the way of replacement fenestration was being carried out at Nos 74 and 75 where original joinery was being replaced with modern fac-simile elements. A pity to lose early joinery and glass but at least the design is more or less replicated.

In common with No 72 they are set back behind the pavement and here have raised forecourts with modern steel railings to No74

They are all three storeys of white (rather dirty and No73 is painted) brickwork with basements, with slated roofs and brick stacks. No 74 remains the one in the terrace that retains its original design with a single window at each floor, including the basement, with a door at ground floor level. The window openings have gauged brick lintols

No73 has a commercial use at ground floor, apparently part of the café at No72, modern plastic window joinery with a modern awning. These modern alterations, and the painted brickwork detract. No 75 has a 20<sup>th</sup> C faux Georgian shop front at ground level and an additional window added at second floor level.

Plastic rainwater goods.

This is a handsome group which make a positive contribution to the conservation area despite of the detracting modern alterations. If No 73 were restored to complete the homogeneity of the terrace, the contribution would be substantially enhanced.

