

HERITAGE STATEMENT

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FORBURY HOTEL, 26 THE FORBURY, READING, RG1 3EJ



1.0 Introduction

The Forbury Hotel (formally Shire Hall) is a Grade II listed hotel in the town of Reading in the English county of Berkshire. It is situated on the southern side of Forbury Gardens, a public park in the town centre.

2.0 History

The Forbury Hotel's building was constructed in 1911 as a headquarters building for Berkshire County Council, and then known as the Shire Hall. It accommodated staff and held committee meetings, full council meetings being held in the Assize Court building next door. In 1980 the council moved to a new Shire Hall in Shinfield Park and subsequently it was converted into offices.

In 2005 it was converted into a hotel and in 2006 it opened under the name 'The Forbury Hotel'. The extensive renovations included a restaurant garden area with a specimen pomegranate tree and a waterfall as its central focus.

3.0 Historic England Listing

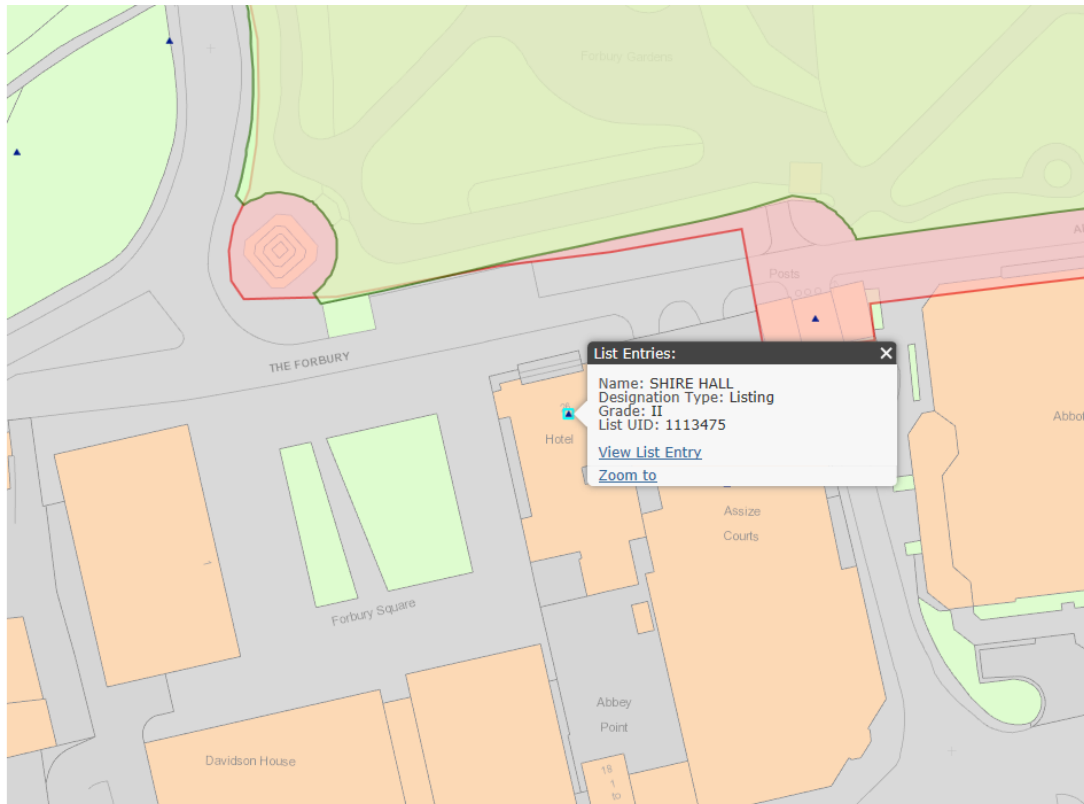
Overview

Heritage Category	Listed Building
Grade:	II
List Entry Number	1113475
Date first listed	26/07/1973
Statutory address	Shire Hall, The Forbury

Details

The Forbury 1. 5128 Shire Hall SU 7173 NE 1/305 26.7.73. 11 GV 2. 1904-11, by Warwick and Hall. Queen Anne Style red brick with Portland channelled ground floor and occasional quoins. Painted modillion cornice. Slate roof with balustrade top and panelled corner chimneys. 3 storeys, attic and basemen. 5 bay, casements with glazing bars, eared architraves on 2nd floor, on 1st floor centre 3 segmental headed windows with open segmental pediment and keys. Modified Doric projecting portico in antis to ground floor extending across side windows, a pair of columns in centre and 2 more each side. Steps to entrance with round headed doorway with flanking niches. Altar-type cast iron lamp standards on flanking walls of steps. Wide dormer with cornice broken around it.

Map



4.0 Proposal

The signage to the side will be replaced due to a change in brand name. The Hotel is now identified as 'Roseate House'. The alterations will not impact any of the listed features described in Section 3.0.

The signage is similar in scale and size, using a similar fonts and colours to ensure no harm is caused to the listed building.

Main hotel – Front Elevation

Forbury Hotel will be replaced with Roseate House as indicated on accompanying drawings.

Description of signage:

Built up premium descaled stainless steel letters

Coated one non-standard RAL colour in dark brown to match existing lettering

Letter 'R' in Roseate will be 407mm high x 40mm deep

4mm opal 030 polycarb backtrays

Stood off wall by 25mm

Installed using half brackets and 25mm opal acrylic spacers

Lettering to be face illuminated (warm white) with Sloan LED's

LED lighting is estimated at 250 candelas per square metre

Main hotel – Side Elevation (facing Forbury Square)

Forbury Hotel will be replaced with Roseate House as indicated on accompanying drawings.

Description of signage:

Built up rimless premium descaled stainless steel letters

Coated one non-standard RAL colour (RAL 2001 Red Orange)

Letter 'R' in Roseate will be 314mm high x 60mm deep

Letter 'R' in Reading will be 141mm high x 60mm deep

5mm opal rebated acrylic faces

Complete with 10mm foamex backtrays

Stood off wall by 10mm

Lettering to be face illuminated (warm white) with Sloan LED's

LED lighting is estimated at 250 candelas per square metre