

Heritage Asset Survey

Building Name:		Building Reference Number:	
Museum		LL5069	
Building Address:		Listing Grade:	
Princes Avenue Aldershot Hampshire		I <input type="checkbox"/>	II <input type="checkbox"/>
Listing Criteria Met (see Box B of the SPD)	B, H, I	II* <input type="checkbox"/>	Locally Listed <input type="checkbox"/> +
Date Locally Listed:	26 th March 2012	Conservation Area:	Yes: + No:
<p>Former Regimental Institute now museum and offices. c1895. Red brick in English bond with natural slate roof with decorative clay ridge tiles and red brick chimney stacks. Long main range with lower blocks placed at right angles either end. uPVC sash replacements and casement windows, probably replacing original vertical sliding timber-framed sashes. Red brick cornice to eaves. North elevation with lean-to veranda with glazed roof supported on cast iron pillars and frame.</p> <p>The former institute forms an important group with the Grade II listed Fox's Gym and Swimming Baths.</p> <p>Condition Survey: 1 - 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> 1 Very Bad <input type="radio"/> 2 Poor <input type="radio"/> 3 Fair <input type="radio"/> 4 Good <input type="radio"/> 5 Excellent </p>			
Roof	4	Walls	4
Weather Penetration	4	Stability	4
Spread	4	Plumb	4
Sag	4	Local Building Cracking	4
Covering	4	Pointing	4
Abutments	4	Roofspread	4
Weathering Detail (Valleys etc.)	4	Spalling	4
Flashing	4	EV. Rising Damp	4
Rain Water Goods	4	Settlement	4
Chimneys	4	Lintels	4

Other Features	n/a	Timber Frame	n/a
Windows / Doors	4	Nogging	n/a
Front Principal Windows	4	Post Joints	n/a
Other Windows	4	Masonry	n/a
Doors and Surroundings	4	Stucco / Render-Plaster	n/a
Boundary Walls or Gates	4	Outbuildings	n/a

Historical Context:

The building is thought to date from the construction of the gymnasium, c1894-5. It is largely intact and a good example of its type. The Physical Training Centre group are of considerable historic interest and there are no other examples thought to survive to such a level of completeness.

The buildings on the site were built for the Army Gymnastic Staff, founded in 1860, as part of the rebuilding of the first temporary camps. The first of 3 similar gyms at Aldershot including the Maida Gym (Grade listed), the second generation of army gyms, built to develop gymnastics to improve the condition of the soldiers.

Sources: Oldfield E A L: Army Gymnastic Staff- 1952-: 5;
 Childerhouse T: Military Aldershot, the first fifty years: London: 1990-).
 Cole H. The Story of Aldershot 1980 p88

The Institute forms part of the important Physical Training Centre group and is of evidential and historic significance due to this relationship. It also has communal value as the museum for the Army Physical Training Corp.

Ownership Type (please tick the appropriate box below):

Private	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious / Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stat Undertakers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Photographs

Date Taken: 24/09/2010

Any Further Comments:

Surveyor: JW	Date: 24/09/2010
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