

Heritage Asset Survey

Building Name:		Building Reference Number:	
Cranbrook House		LL5154	
Building Address:		Listing Grade:	
Queens 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:

Detached House (possibly formerly Officers Quarters) now offices, one of a pair which are mirrored in plan (with Alison House to the south). Roughly square plan with an offset enclosed courtyard. The principal façade faces south towards The South East District Headquarters. c1895. Red brick (stretcher bond) with hipped natural slate roof with decorative red clay ridge tiles, spear finials and deep bracketed eaves. Tall slender brick chimneys. The main façade comprises five windows with central entrance bay projecting forward with pediment. Arched doorway set centrally with moulded architrave and moulded brick string course forming imposts. Fanlight with glazing bars (sunflower motif) above door. Decorative brick double 'nailhead' string course between ground and first floor to south (principal) and west elevations. Windows are mostly unbarred recessed timber framed vertical sliding sashes with horns and flat gauged brick arches above.

Forms a group with Alison House and the Grade II listed South-East District Headquarters and its outbuildings to the south.

Condition Survey: 1 - 5

(1) Very Bad
(2) Poor
(3) Fair
(4) Good
(5) Excellent

Roof	5	Walls	5
Weather Penetration	5	Stability	5
Spread	5	Plumb	5
Sag	5	Local Building Cracking	n/a
Covering	5	Pointing	4

Abutments	5	Roofspread	5
Weathering Detail (Valleys etc.)	5	Spalling	5
Flashing	5	EV. Rising Damp	2
Rain Water Goods	5	Settlement	5
Chimneys	3	Lintels	5
Other Features	5	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	n/a	Outbuildings	n/a

Historical Context:

Alison's Road and this building are named after Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Alison, Bt., G.C.B who commanded in Aldershot 1883-1888. The building is present on the OS 1897 (1:2500) map. Part of the early significant development of the Military camp.

Alison House forms a high quality group with Cranbrook House and the Grade II listed South-East District Headquarters and its outbuildings to the south. It is a largely intact early building and for these reasons and its group value, it has evidential, historical and aesthetic values which give it high local significance.

Background:

In 1852, 8,000 acres of low-cost heath at Aldershot were purchased as the site of the first permanent training ground for the army, large enough to run regular summer exercises for 10 to 12 battalions at one time. Aldershot is known as the "Home of the British Army". Aldershot Military Town was established as a garrison town in the 1850s, in response to a growing requirement for a military presence overseas.

By the late part of the 19th century, the temporary camps had been replaced with buildings of brick and slate and had grown to become the largest British military garrison in the British Empire, with its own water and power supply, food production, police and fire brigades. In addition, it became the centre of military innovation and attracted military scientists, engineers and experimenters. Many of the camp commanders were reformers concerned with the conditions under which the ordinary soldier lived, and with their welfare and education as well as their military training. Buildings were laid out on a formal grid pattern with both buildings and spaces having

key functions within the barracks. The garrison has since been developed over a period of 150 years and Alison House forms an important part of the development of the military garrison.

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: 23.09.2011

Any Further Comments:

Surveyor: J Webb

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