

## Heritage Asset Survey

<b>Building Name:</b>	<b>Building Reference Number:</b>
Empire Banqueting Hall	LL5189
<b>Building Address:</b>	<b>Listing Grade:</b>
High Street Aldershot GU11 1DJ	I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> II* <input type="checkbox"/> Locally Listed <input type="checkbox"/> +
<b>Date Listed:</b> 22 December 2020	<b>Conservation Area:</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Condition Survey: 1 - 5

1 Very Bad   
  2 Poor   
  3 Fair   
  4 Good   
  5 Excellent

Feature		Issue identification	
Boundary Walls or Gates	n/a	Local Building Cracking	Y
Outbuildings	n/a	Rising Damp	n/a
Abutments	n/a	Roof spread	n/a
Roof	n/a	Sag	n/a
Chimneys	n/a	Settlement	n/a
Flashing	n/a	Stability/ Plumb	n/a
Weathering Detail (Valleys etc.)	n/a	Spalling	Y
Walls (masonry/brickwork/render)	3	Weather Penetration	n/a
Pointing	3		
Rainwater Goods	3		
Windows	3/4		
Doors and Surroundings	3		
Lintels	n/a		
Other Features	n/a		

**Historical Context:**

In 1927-28 Aldershot Borough Council brought the site for the construction of the Empire Cinema. It opened on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1930, with a capacity of 1,700, a large stalls area, a horse-shoe shaped balcony and a restaurant upstairs, over the main entrance.

The Empire was sold to the Rank Organisation and became the Odeon in 1964, which closed in 1981. The building was thoroughly renovated and in 2016 and re-opened as the Empire banqueting and events hall.

The architecture of the exterior and internal has been retained, as a good example of 1930's picture palaces.

Complies with criteria:

C. The building or structure dates between 1914 and 1939, and has a particular quality, character or local significance;

H. The building or structure has landmark and/or group value that contributes to the image of the local area;

J. The building is an historic building which has strong architectural interest and is affected by minor reversible alterations only.



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crown	<input type="checkbox"/>

Photographs





Date Taken:/ Source: HE, NSL 1909

Any Further Comments: Building appears to be well maintained, however there are some small localised areas of spalling and cracking of render.

Surveyor: I.M

Date: 08/12/20