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The Woolpack

Client

Mr M J Thurlby

Location

Stodman Street, Newark-on-Trent,
Nottinghamshire.

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

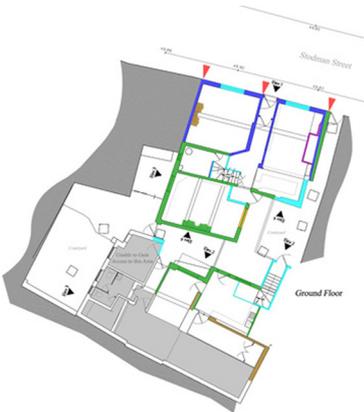
Date of Completion

Summer 2008

Key Issues

Historic Building Analysis and
Heritage Impact Assessment

Supporting Statement for
Planning and Listed Building
Consent Applications



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This project involved a detailed analysis of the origins and evolution of the mid-C15, Woolpack Public House to inform a preliminary heritage impact appraisal of draft proposals for re-use produced by Macaulay Sinclair Design of Nottingham.



CgMs' research noted that a 1968 study of the town had referred to the Woolpack as a vital building and had also noted that it would "*benefit from restoration*". This fascinating timber-framed building, with later additions, is one of the oldest buildings in Newark. It is an example of a Wealden house, a relatively common timber-framed building-type in the south-east of England but most unusual in the

East Midlands. The Woolpack stands within a conservation area at the heart of the town and is Grade II listed. Despite the prompting of the 1968 study, however, the building had suffered an inadequate and unsympathetic maintenance regime and was vacant at the time of the study.

CgMs made a detailed analysis of the structure to identify the phasing of the build. It concluded that the Woolpack is a good example of medieval building, with substantial early fabric and recognisable plan form and makes a positive contribution to the townscape of the conservation area.

CgMs' role then extended, first, to advising on how proposals for re-use could best be designed to retain the special interest of the building and its fabric and, secondly, to the provision of a detailed statement in support of applications for planning permission and listed building consent.

