

HISTORIC HEART OF GAINSBOROUGH

25 Lord Street

Description

A two-storey interwar purpose-built Public House with a red brick ground floor and a rendered first floor with exposed brick pilasters and heavily modillioned wooden cornice. To the Lord Street elevation is the most elaborate, with two bay windows to the ground floor, with three projecting oriel windows at 1st floor including over an entrance way. A large feature chimneystack fronts a canted corner at the junction between Lord Street and Parnell Street.

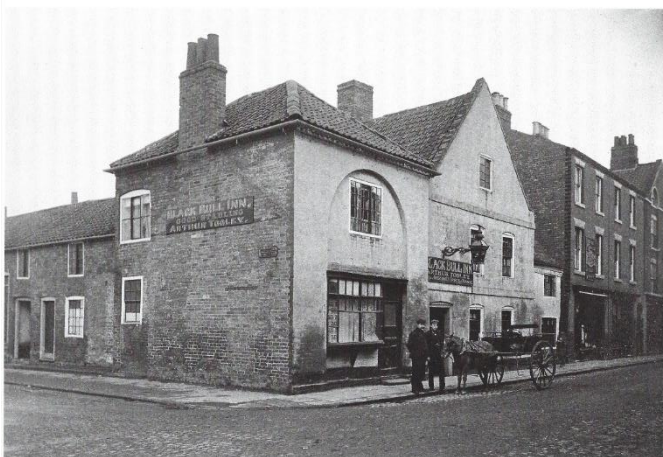
History

This public house was built in 1928 and has been known by several different names including The Black Bull, The Rum Runner, and Xtras. It is currently under redevelopment as apartments, retail units and a café.

The building stands on the site of a much older public house/hotel, called the Black Bull, which was already well established in the mid-19th Century and demolished in 1927. It is shown in the image below, just before demolition. Pubs tended to be named and used by particular trades, and so this was aptly named for use by farmers on their way to the local beast market.

The Black Bull public house provided beers, wines, spirits and tobacco, plus extensive stabling, which was as important as car parking is today.

In 1841 there were 7 public houses along the length of Lord Street, many of which have since been demolished. Inns and public houses were used for meetings, to strike business deals, and were the hub of the economy. Gainsborough boasted around 40 in total at this time.



This image shows the Black Bull Inn when it was run by Arthur Tooley between 1908 and 1915. The building shows signs of many alterations on the Parnell Street elevation including indications that it was once abutted by another residential building.

Planned improvements under the Townscape Heritage Initiative

- Repair and repaint cracked render to corner elevation
- Overhaul timber and metal windows and projecting bay roofs (including leadwork)
- Localised roof repairs to main plain tiled and pantiled roofs, repair timber soffit
- Repointing of brickwork as required
- Overhaul gutter to older, rear extension
- Reinstate clay chimney pots to feature chimney and other chimney
- Rationalise and remove redundant wiring boxes /fixings, banner signs and fixtures to the frontage
- Replace signage with more historically appropriate hand painted signage

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