

Heritage, Design & Access Statement

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23/24 Roper Street, Whitehaven, Grade 2 dwelling (Listing UID 1086739)

Listing entry –

C18. Stuccoed 3 storeys. Base course has iconic pilasters at ends, finishing under a moulded eaves eaves cornice. The 2 entrance doors have Doric pilasters and broken semi –circular pediments with 3 –quarter urns over centre. No 23 has 6 raised panel to door. 4 windows on all ground floor and 6 each upper floor, all with plain architraves. 6 steps at front with cast iron railings.

In required repair of windows, a closer access of the chimney was achieved from access scaffolding.

Established that the chimney to 24 Roper Street had cracking to masonry and a substantial lean on large chimney. Approx. 300mm out of plumb in height.

Contact made with structural engineer for advice. Appears that the masonry chimney has been increased in height in past. A risk that the chimney will fail, with risk of substantial masonry falling onto public footpath and road of Roper street and rear yards of dwelling and adjacent dwellings. Reported to Cumberland Building control as a dangerous structure.

The masonry chimney has 7 no. Flues (all of which are no longer used) apart from one gas appliance with partial lining flue. Appears that the chimney on No.23 Roper street has previously been substantially reduced in height to approx 350mm above top of ridge.

Discussions carried out with Cumberland Building Control and Planning. Immediate reduction in height of chimney agreed to reduce the risk of the chimney collapse.

With reinstatement of original pots to a height of the height on No. 23 Roper Street. LBC application required for the alteration.

Bellow photos obtained from Google street view as building currently clad in scaffolding.



