

Heritage, Design and Access Statement for Middleton Memorial Gardens.

Middleton Memorial Gardens
Manchester Old Road
Middleton
M24 4EB



Front Elevation Middleton war Memorial JS

Memorial Type – Garden

District – Rochdale.

Town – Middleton.

County – Greater Manchester.

Country – England.

Commemoration – First World War (1914-1918), 2nd World War (1939-1945), Fusilier Lee Rigby memorial.

Ceremony -

Date – October 1927

Attended By LT COL R LEES DSO OBE VD

Dedicated –

Date - October 1927

Attended – DR R G Parsons

VM Reference – 13080

OS Grid ref: SD 86219 05522

WMO ID - 150829

Grade 11

Date Listed – 21st August 2013

The area known as Middleton Memorial garden with colonnade, memorial features and red brick built structure, pitched slate roof with an ornate gated entrance.

The original frontage contained toilets to the left and right hand side of the main entrance gates, these have since been blocked off a number of years ago due to vandalism.

The rear of the memorial is open planned with a Cumberland slate roof, timber beams to ceiling and plywood painted finish.

Garden areas exist throughout with close cut grass and planting areas that are maintained by RBC.

The gardens are surrounded with a mixture of private dwellings, derelict office space within its own gardens and carpark and Manchester old Road.

Site information

- There are no toilet facilities in the area
- The only entrance to the memorial is via the front gates.
- The footpaths are stone flags, these are level and are no risk of trips at the time of the survey. There are stone steps to the front of the gardens from the public footpath on Manchester old RD.
- Parking for the memorial is adjoining street parking or Alkrington Woods car park.
- Signage is to the front elevation wall.
- The site size is approximate 1528 Mtr²

Heritage Assets

- There are ornate stone cross
- Stone dolphin head water fountain.
- Stone parapet wall with inlaid plaques with names of the fallen.
- Bronze Plaque encased within the rear of the brick built structure
- Flagpole

Assets affected

The proposed works to rear structure of the memorial are as follows;

- Replace missing or damaged slates to match existing. The slated area are either side of affected valley to the external elevations. The approximate slate removal and reinstatement will be 3mtr² to each section of zinc replacement using existing slates. See drawing 2004258/02
- No underfelt system will be required.

- Replace missing valley detail with zinc sheeting, please see drawing 2004258/02 above replacement truss detail.
- Replace damaged roof trusses with hardwood Oak.
- Replace damaged decorative timbers.
- Replace damaged plywood roof sheets to match existing.
- Repair cast iron gutter joints.
- Replace missing pointing to ridge tiles with lime mortar.

The works described above will ensure that the building is watertight and will stop any further degradation which has been caused by theft of lead valleys and criminal damage.

- Bat measures, bat slates TBC.