

15-31 Cheapside, Liverpool

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This row of 19C commercial buildings in the Castle Street Conservation Area has occupied the site since the late 1800's and would have once formed part of a bustling commercial district formed on mercantile and shipping links to the nearby port of Liverpool. Tightly packed worker dwellings which used to complete the row at the back of the site were demolished long ago, leaving a utilitarian rear elevation facing Hockenhall Alley, a narrow thoroughfare linking Tithebarn Street to Dale Street.

The plans include internal re-modelling and rear extensions to provide new dwellings on the upper levels and retail units at ground level facing onto Cheapside. The buildings include the Grade II listed 23-27 Cheapside, a warehouse formerly associated with port activities, now converted into a music recording studio. There are also several listed buildings in the vicinity, notably a Grade II listed warehouse at 11-13 Cheapside, a well-preserved worker dwelling at 10 Hockenhall Alley and also grander buildings, such as the Grade II* listed Main Bridewell facing Cheapside and the Grade II* Municipal Buildings on Dale Street.

The proposal is to add three storeys onto the rear of 15-19 Cheapside and another two storeys to the rear of 29-31 Cheapside, bringing the building heights closer to those of adjacent buildings, while remaining subordinate to the height of the Grade II listed warehouse at 13-11 Cheapside. The extensions are to be constructed in a black brick to complement the prevailing use of materials in the wider street scene. The proposed fenestration takes its cues from the neighbouring properties, providing large windows with a vertical emphasis and dark grey aluminium frames to fill the living spaces behind with an abundance of natural light.

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Gross floor area	1,643m ² / 17,685 sq.ft
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