# TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1991 THE REGISTERED BUILDINGS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1991

To: Heron & Brearley Ltd., Brewery Offices, Kewaigue, Douglas, IM2 1QG

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2002, the PLANNING COMMITTEE of the Department of Local Government and the Environment, in pursuance of its powers under the above Acts and Regulations REGISTERED

### The Queen's Hotel Queen's Promenade, Douglas

as represented by the buildings shown outlined in red on the plan hereto attached, in the PROTECTED BUILDINGS REGISTER by reason of its special architectural and historic interest.

THE EFFECT OF THIS REGISTRATION IS IMMEDIATE and prohibits the alteration or demolition of the structure or appearance of any part of the building except in compliance with an obligation imposed by or under any statutory provision or with the prior written consent of the Planning Committee.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2002

By Order of the Committee

J Callow

Secretary, Planning Committee.

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas, IM1 2SF.

#### NOTE:

Rights to request de-registration of the building are provided under the Registered Building Regulations and in summary are that:

Applications in writing for the de-registration of the building may be made by the owners or occupier of, any other person having an interest in the building, within a period of 28 days of service of this notice. Such application should be sent to the Secretary, Planning Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas, IM1 2SF.

In the event that de-registration is not requested by any party within the 28 day period described above, then de-registration may not be requested within a period of 3 years.

c.c.:-

Town Clerk, Douglas Corporation, Town Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas Director, Manx Museum and National Trust, Kingswood Grove, Douglas Advisory Council on Planning & the Environment, 52 Alberta Drive, Onchan

## QUEEN'S HOTEL, QUEEN'S PROMENADE, DOUGLAS

#### Introduction

The Queen's Hotel, an I.o.M. Breweries managed public house, on Queen's Promenade is located towards the Onchan end of the sweeping promenade

overlooking Douglas Bay.

Dated at pre 1826 it is thought that it was built as cottages and stabling for the Castle Mona. It is unknown when it first became a public house but it was probably in the early 1800's when it is believed it was called the Crescent Hotel, adopting its name from the Crescent the former name of that stretch of the Queen's Promenade. Certainly by 1854 it was called the Queen's Hotel and another property, further along the Promenade towards Onchan, at some time had the name the Crescent Hotel (Paramount City).

Pre-dating many of the present day promenade buildings its style and size contrasts to the rows of tall terraced hotels and guest houses, built to accommodate the mass

tourist market of the Victorian era, and the modern apartment blocks.

## **Architectural Interest**

The designer and builder of the building are unknown.

The external appearance of the front elevation of the building, saving a few minor differences, is thought to be very much as it would have looked 150 years ago and possibly earlier. It was in 1854 the balcony was added, although it is unlikely that the same balcony has survived all these years.

On several occasions when the Queen's changed hands the internal layout, fixtures and fittings were altered, although some of the upper floors may have escaped serious

change since 1892.

The majority of external alterations, additions/disposals, have been made during the ownership of Heron and Brearley, but mostly to peripheral items such as outbuildings and the above ground beer 'cellar'.

#### Historic Interest

It is not known that any specific historic event is associated to this building, but it has obviously played an important role in the development of the tourist trade to the Island, having been once considered one of the more comfortable and sanitary hotels available.

## Close Historic Association

Its association with the Castle Mona, owned by the Derby family, is its strongest known historical link to famous or influential persons.

## Group Value

The Queen's is very much an individual building, being very different to its surrounding neighbours, even in more historic times.

## Age & Rarity

This building almost certainly dates back to the 1700's when the northern part of Douglas Promenade was only just starting to be developed. Not only does this give it rarity value in age but its style and pattern of use is also unusual. The fact that the Queen's has survived as a public house for more than 150 years is in itself notable.

#### **Conclusions**

This buildings has many reasons to commend it, its age, its links to an historic family, the length of time it has served the island as a hotel and public house, but not least because it very much retains its earliest known appearance.

#### Attachments

Records Research & List of Sources Correspondence File OS 1:500 (modern) Extract OS 1:2500 (1869) Extract Extracts of Brown's Directory 1894 Photographs (10 prints, 4 slides)

## Queens Hotel

Pre 1826.

Believed to have been built as cottages and stables for Castle Mona. It may have been called the Crescent Hotel prior to the Queens.

Was offered for sale at auction by Mr R Jones in May 1854. Sale details: bar, bar parlour, dining, drawing, sitting rooms, 9 beds, 4 superior attics, 2 large kitchens, sculleries, pantries & yard. Ball or billiard room available. Recently added balcony. Proprietor, Mr Place. Other contact: Mr Housman, 50 Strand St.

In 1857 the proprietor was Robert Hiscocks.

In 1863 the proprietor was Felix Bregazzi.

In 1892 the proprietor was Thomas Swift, who had recently renovated the property.

In 1892 the new proprietor was Capt. William Henry Metcalf who had 'transformed its internal arrangements" (Browns Directory 1894). A lady's drawing room was added and the samtation completely overhauled.

c1925 J. Wetherall applied for permission to carry out alterations. Arch/bld E. Crellin.

Amended plans approved in 1926. No completion date given.

1931, H & B applied for permission for alterations. Arch/bld J.E. Teare. Plans approved Jan 1931, work completed in May 1931. In Nov. 1933 plans were approved for a beer cellar. Work comleted by J.E. Teare in Mar. 1933.

1988, refurbed by Parkinsons, which inc. adding disabled loos. Further refurbishment took place in 1996.

#### Sources:

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Browns Directories 1892 & 1894
Douglas Corp. Building reg. records.
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William Thwaites Directory 1863
Manx Sun 20th May 1854
Manx Independent 10th Sept. 1988.

Legal Records	Wills	Estate Papers	Public Undertakings	Maps & Plans	Rates	Newspapers	Photographs	Other
No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes











