

Heritage Item 23

Former Bulk Lime Store / Depot, Winslow



Location

Address:	Railway Reserve adjoining SH1, Winslow
Co-ordinates:	Northing 5678968 , Easting 2404714
Legal Description:	Pt Railway Reserve Black Map 46
Owner:	KiwiRail

Purpose

Current Use:	Vacant
Original/Past Uses:	Lime store / depot

Heritage Significance and Category

Heritage Significance:	Physical; Historic
Heritage NZ:	Not registered
Ashburton DC:	Category A

Site Assessment

Assessed by:	Arlene Baird, Davie Lovell-Smith Ltd.
Date Assessed:	9 December 2014

Detail	
Description:	<p>This is a large functional building on the side of State Highway 1 just south of Winslow. The building runs parallel to the road with its gables to the north-east and south-west. Currently vacant, the building was constructed for and used as a lime store/depot.</p> <p>The building is constructed of concrete base walls with corrugated iron cladding above. The roof is corrugated iron. There were clerestory windows along the top of each side of the building, giving it its distinctive shape. It is unestablished if these were glazed or clear corrugated plastic. To the north-west elevation of the building there is a large corrugated lean-to constructed of corrugated iron and concrete base walls. This takes up about half of the length of the main building and has a large opening on each gable end.</p> <p>To the south-east elevation of the building there are two large vehicle openings with roller doors. There is also a small wooden lean-to. On the north-eastern gable there is a corrugated lean-to building which appears to have been used as an office. Above this there is a large frame from a hoist which was used to hoist the lime up from wagons into the hoppers. On the south-west gable there is a single large vehicle opening with no door.</p> <p>The building is currently vacant and in a poor state of repair with weathering, wear and graffiti evident.</p>
History:	<p>This large prominent building was constructed as a functional lime store and depot. Lime is used for agricultural purposes to increase the pH levels of acidic soils, to provide a source of calcium and magnesium and to improve water penetration. In between the two world wars farm mechanisation, the use of lime, and improved seed raised farm productivity in Canterbury to new levels. There was even greater progress in the 1950s and 1960s.</p> <p>This building was constructed as a lime store and depot. The lime was brought here by train, mostly from Taylors Lime in Oamaru (a company that was established in the early 1900s). The lime was brought into the sidings by railway wagon and unloaded via the loading bay or hoisted up from the wagons to hoppers. Once it had tapered down through the hoppers it was sorted and bagged to be delivered out to farms. Later there was more demand for large amounts and it began to be delivered in loose bulk.</p> <p>Local verbal accounts confirm that the building was busiest during the 1950s and 1960s. Today the building is vacant and has been subject to vandalism and graffiti.</p>
Notable features:	Building form; clerestory windows; hoist.
Condition:	<p>The building is currently vacant and in a poor state of repair. The roof appears to be mostly sound, apart from an open section to the south east and there is grass growing in many areas. The walls are mostly intact but have been heavily covered in graffiti. The sides of the building lie open to the elements and there are large bushes growing to the southern side.</p>
Setting:	<p>The building runs parallel to State Highway 1 and to the rail track. Sidings originally veered in from the main track. The setting is of high importance due to the crucial role that rail and road played in the development of the agricultural lime business in Canterbury.</p>







