GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME	'The Terrace', former Wallis house
ADDRESS	14 Crewe Street, Gore
PHOTOGRAPH	

(October 2021)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. (at time of assessment)	n / a	**HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY**	n / a
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 1 DP 4594		
GDC FILE NUMBER	3247982		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	c. 1890		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/ BUILDER	Unknown		
STYLE	Italianate villa		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Two-storey dwelling with rectangular footprint and gabled roof forms. Principal elevations face north-east and south-east; former has double-height veranda with cross-gabled bay at east end. Ground floor of north-east elevation has three boxed bay windows set beneath the first floor balcony; central bay features a Palladian window. Round-headed windows between the bay windows on north-east elevation have aprons; verandas on both facades have thin posts, decorative brackets and balustrading. Symmetrical south-east elevation has gabled dormer with gablets above central entries on both floors; doors have side- and fanlights. Windows are paired or Chicago type double-hung sashes; plain and corbelled chimneys.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber, cement plaster, metal roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Unknown, if any.

SETTING

The house stands on an elevated site on the west side of Crewe Street, between Wallis Lane in the north and Ardwick Street in the south. Bannerman and Deer Parks are to the north-

west and south-west of the property respectively. The house can be seen from Hokonui Drive. The scheduled setting is the land parcel on which the building is located.

History

Father and son Richard and Richard Frederick (Fred) Wallis established a fellmongery business, for processing wool and sheep carcases, on the Waikaka Stream at East Gore in 1883. Richard Wallis was an early Canterbury settler (arrived 1855) and worked as a fellmonger in Christchurch, Dunedin, Oamaru and Timaru before settling in Gore with his family in c.1877. By 1895 the family business employed 50 men and was being run by Fred (1860-1940) and his two brothers Arthur and Ernest, Richard Wallis having died in 1887. Fred Wallis was elected to the Gore Borough Council in 1890 and he and his wife Catherine (nee Cahill) had five children; their son, who was also Richard Frederick Wallis, subdivided the property to its current extent in 1952. At the same time the house lots and Wallis Lane to the north were also created. The Wallis family home was known as 'The Terrace'; it is now in other hands but remains in private residential use.

Historic And Social Significance

The former Wallis house has historic and social significance for its association with RF (Fred) Wallis, his family and the highly successful export business founded by Richard and Fred Wallis in 1883.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance

The former Wallis house has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants and for the community esteem in which it is held as one of Gore's historic dwellings.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance

The former Wallis house has architectural significance as an Italianate villa that retains a high level of exterior authenticity. The designer of the house is currently unknown, but it is highly likely to have been architecturally designed, given the composition and detailing of the building.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance

The former Wallis house has technological and craftsmanship significance for the quality of its late Victorian construction and detailing. The contractor for the building is currently unknown.

Contextual Significance

The former Wallis house has contextual significance as a local landmark, which is prominently sited on what was known as 'Wallis' hill'. The house serves as a reminder of an earlier period of residential development within a suburban residential environment that largely dates from the post-war era.

Archaeological and Scientific Significance

As the building pre-dates 1900, its site has potential archaeological value relating to its colonial use and development.

Summary of Heritage Significance

'The Terrace', the former Wallis house has overall heritage significance to Gore and to the district of Gore as a whole. The building has historic and social significance for its association with Fred and Catherine Wallis, their family and the successful business that was established by Fred and his father Richard Wallis in 1883. The former Wallis house has cultural value as a

demonstration of the way of life of the Wallis family over many years and architectural significance as an Italianate villa that retains a high level of exterior authenticity. The former Wallis house has technological and craftsmanship significance for the quality of its late Victorian construction and detailing and contextual significance as a local landmark and as a reminder of the late 19th century development of 'Wallis' hill'. The dwelling's site has potential archaeological value in view of the building's age.

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Extent of scheduling, former Wallis house, 14 Crewe Street, Gore.