GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME	former Dolamore house
ADDRESS	24 Albany Street, Gore
PHOTOGRAPH	

(April 2022)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. (at time of assessment)	n / a	**HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY**	n / a
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Part Lot 18 DP 1231, Lot 17 DP 1231		
GDC FILE NUMBER	3221896, 3242695		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	c.1912		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/ BUILDER	Unknown		
STYLE	English Domestic Revival		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Multi-level building with T-shaped footprint and gabled roof forms. Double-height faceted bay window beneath jettied gable end on east elevation; main entry on north elevation is flanked by bay windows and sheltered by a shared sunhood. Exposed rafters and overhanging eaves, battened gable ends, casement-and-fanlight type fenestration; fanlights set with coloured leadlights. Circular window on first floor of north elevation; plastered chimney.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing and weatherboard cladding, cement roughcast plaster, corrugated metal roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Music room & garage erected (c.1975); conservatory added to it (c.2012). Clay tile roof of primary dwelling replaced with corrugated metal (c.2013).

SETTING

The house stands on the south side of Albany Street, roughly mid-way between Broughton Street in the west and Ardwick Street in the east. It is set within a large garden featuring a number of mature trees, which signal the long-established nature of the property. The scheduled setting encompasses the two land parcels on which the house is located; it does not include that part of the garden on the neighbouring lot (22 Albany Street, Lot 16 DP 1231).

HISTORY

Title for the subject lots in Albany Street was issued to Howard Lambert Dolamore, a journalist and co-owner of the *Mataura Ensign*, in October 1911. Members of the Dolamore family had lived in the east end of Albany Street since the late 1880s but the west half was not subdivided by Thomas Green until August 1911. Howard Dolamore (c.1882-1965) married Fanny Paull (died 1921) in 1907 and Constance Cathie in 1923; he had three children with the former. The property was transferred to John Norton, the owner of the Pukerau brick and pipeworks, in June 1921 and thence to Netta and Donald McIntyre in 1933. The house was still held by members of the McIntyre family in 1989 but has since passed through other hands; it remains in private residential use.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Dolamore house has historic and social significance for its association with HL Dolamore and his family, especially their interest in the *Mataura Ensign*, and, more generally, the early 20th century residential development of Albany Street.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Dolamore house has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Dolamore house has architectural significance as an English Domestic Revival style house that attests to the wealth and taste of the Dolamore family in the early 1910s, when the style was enjoying considerable popularity for upper-middle class housing. The designer of the house is currently unknown.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Dolamore house has craftsmanship value for the quality of its construction and detailing. The contractor for the building is currently unknown.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Dolamore house has contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the established character of Albany Street and as a marker of the early 20th century development of the western half of the road.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the building post-dates 1900, its site may have limited potential archaeological value. DP 1231, dated August 1911, shows that the subject site was then undeveloped.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Dolamore 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 local journalist and newspaper owner HL Dolamore and his family and, more generally, the residential development of Gore in the early 20th century. The former Dolamore house has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants and architectural significance as an English Domestic Revival style house that is expressive of the original owners' wealth and taste. The former Dolamore house has craftsmanship value for the quality of its construction and detailing and contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the established character of Albany Street and as a reminder of its residential development. The building's site may have limited potential archaeological value.

REFERENCES

- *Mataura Ensign* 14 February 1888, p. 2; 26 March 1895, p. 5; 29 October 1901, p. 2; 21 September 1911, p. 1; 16 October 1911, p. 8; 7 May 1912, p. 3; 28 May 1912, p. 7; 17 December 1912, p. 7; 28 March 1916, p. 4; 28 March 1918, p. 4.
- *Evening Star* 17 October 1921, p. 4; 1 July 1938, p. 8.
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Extent of scheduling, encompassing both parcels, former Dolamore house, 24 Albany Street, Gore.