

Design and Access Statement

Chimney Restoration at 41 High Street, Pirton, SG5 3PT

Property Listing at Historic England:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1347078>

Introduction

We are seeking consent to repair the chimney at our home in a manner maintaining its appearance & construction and consolidating it against future erosion and thereby making it safe. The builders we will be using for this work Lodge & Sons (Builders) Ltd (website: <https://lodgeandsons.co.uk>) have extensive experience in this kind of heritage work; as a very local example they are currently undertaking restoration work at St Mary's, Pirton for the Diocese of St. Albans.

The Current Situation

Both the mortar and the bricks comprising the chimney stack at our property have become eroded over time. There are gaps in the pointing and the passage of time and previous repairs with stronger concrete mortar mean a large proportion of the bricks are crumbling and are almost missing. This damage has got worst with time and without suitable repair we must be concerned about the chimney's viability.



Fig 1: General view of the Chimney Stack from the front garden of 41 High Street looking South, 45 High Street to the right



Fig 2: Detail of the Chimney Stack from the South



Fig 3: Detail of the Chimney Stack from the rear garden of 41 High Street from the North

Appropriateness

We propose repairing the chimney using the correct bricks and mortar to reflect its original construction. In undertaking this work our builders will remove some inappropriate concrete mortar used in repairs made by previous owners replacing the pointing with Lime mortar and the flashing with lead . We have one photograph at fig. 4 below which shows the chimney in the early 1970s which confirms that the overall structure of the chimney will remain constant.



Fig 4: Detail of the chimney stack from the South taken (we estimate) in the 1970s before earlier repairs

Specifically, the materials that our builders propose using are;

- for repointing and brick repairs Sharp Sand and NHL 3.5 Lime in a 3 parts sand 1 part lime mix
- for brick replacement handmade bricks, like for like replacement new or second hand
- lead for flashing – rolled lead code 5.

We believe the proposed works are a suitable response to the site and its setting and will maintain the structure for the future.

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