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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Preamble

This Heritage Statement has been produced by Built Heritage Consultancy to accompany applications for Listed Building Consent and planning permission in relation to Old Manor Farm House, Shaftenhoe End, Barley, Hertfordshire, SG8 8LD (the 'Site'). The subject building is Grade II listed. The Site lies in the setting of the Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), the Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed).

This Heritage Statement will assess the significance of any on-site heritage assets and any in the surrounding area that might potentially be affected by the scheme proposals. It will also assess the potential heritage impacts on the identified heritage assets in light of the proposed scheme.

N.B. Please see Section 6 for a detailed Assessment of Impact and Section 7 for the summary and conclusions of this report.

1.2. Background

The Old Manor Farm House was fully recorded by the RCHME in 1992 prior to a comprehensive refurbishment, with their report being published in 1994. The building's oldest part is the kitchen cross wing which runs south from the later main range of the farmhouse. In the 1990s the farmhouse was extended at its western end to form a 'U' shaped plan.

1.3. Scheme Proposals

The scheme proposes the replacement/alteration to all windows, removal of the entrance porch and reinstatement of a canopy to a pre-existing design, minor reconfiguration works within the historic part of the listed building, miscellaneous upgrade works, replacement of modern elements of the main staircase to a new design, and remodelling of the sun room externally and internally.

1.4. Structure of Report

Section 2 identifies the heritage assets to assess as part of this Heritage Statement.

Section 3 sets out a historic map regression of the Site.

Section 4 sets out our background understanding of the Site.

Section 5 sets out the assessment of significance of the identified heritage assets.

Section 6 provides an overview of the scheme proposals and an assessment of the potential



Figure 1.1: Location map with the approximate location of the Site marked in red.

heritage impacts.

Section 7 sets out the summary and conclusions of this Heritage Statement.

The Appendices include any relevant Historic England list entries, a summary of any legislation, policy and guidance relevant to the historic environment and a Bibliography for this Heritage Statement.

2.0 Identification of Heritage Assets to Assess

2.1 Paragraph 207 of NPPF

Paragraph 207 of the NPPF states: *“In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets’ importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. ...”*

Guidance – For Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment (2008) remains a live document for the present time but is expected to be removed in the coming years.

2.2 Identifying Significance

The NPPF (Annex 2) defines the significance of a heritage asset as: *“The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. The interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset’s physical presence, but also from its setting.”*

Historic England’s Advice Note 12: Statements of Heritage Significance: Analysing Significance in Heritage Assets (2019) sets out that significance should be assessed in relation to the same heritage interests; namely: archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. It sets out the following definitions:

- *“Archaeological interest There will be archaeological interest in a heritage asset if it holds, or potentially holds, evidence of past human activity worthy of expert investigation at some point.*
- *Architectural and artistic interest These are interests in the design and general aesthetics of a place. They can arise from conscious design or fortuitously from the way the heritage asset has evolved. More specifically, architectural interest is an interest in the art or science of the design, construction, craftsmanship and decoration of buildings and structures of all types. Artistic interest is an interest in other human creative skills, like sculpture.*
- *Historic Interest An interest in past lives and events (including pre-historic). Heritage assets can illustrate or be associated with them. Heritage assets with historic interest not only provide a material record of our nation’s history, but can also provide meaning for communities derived from their collective experience of a place and can symbolise wider values such as faith and cultural identity.”*

The above approach is consistent with Planning Practice Guidance - paragraph: 006 reference ID: 18a-006-20190723. English Heritage: Conservation Principles, Policies and

2.0 Identification of Heritage Assets to Assess

2.3 Identified Heritage Assets

The heritage assets that could potentially be affected by the scheme proposals are outlined below. The numbering used below correlates with the Heritage Plot Plan shown at Figure 2.1 opposite to aid the reader with locating the heritage assets:

Designated Heritage Assets

Listed Buildings

1. The Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed);
2. Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed);
3. Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed); and
4. Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed).

The relevant Historic England list entries are attached at **Appendix 2**.

Conservation Area(s)

None.

Non-Designated Heritage Assets

None.

2.4 Scoped Out Heritage Assets

Outside the Site's boundary and within the identified surrounding area of the Site are numerous heritage assets of varying significance and designations. Having borne in mind Historic England's Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3—The Setting of Heritage Assets (2017), the heritage assets listed below are considered sufficiently well concealed from potential visual, traffic, emissions and noise impacts by existing topography, street pattern, built form and or dense foliage that they are unlikely to experience any effects to their heritage significance (whether visual, experiential or other) as a result of the proposed scheme. The following heritage assets have therefore been scoped out from our Heritage Statement:



Figure 2.1: Heritage plot plan with the approximate Site location marked in red. The numbers used reference those at Paragraph 2.3.

- Hillside Farm (Grade II listed); and
- Mincingbury Manor (Grade II listed).

3.0 Site Map Regression

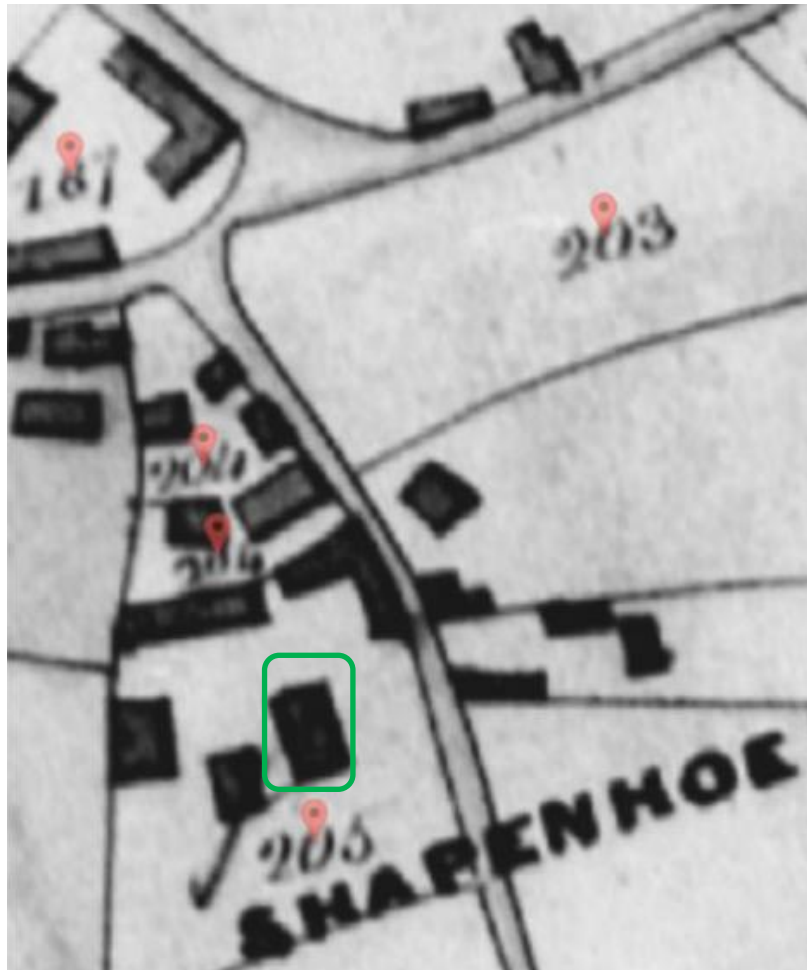


Figure 3.1: Tithe Map for Barley parish from 1839 showing Old Manor Farm within plot 205 with the approximate location of the Site marked in green. This map appears to be at a low level of detail, as it does not show the kitchen cross wing, which we know is 16th century.

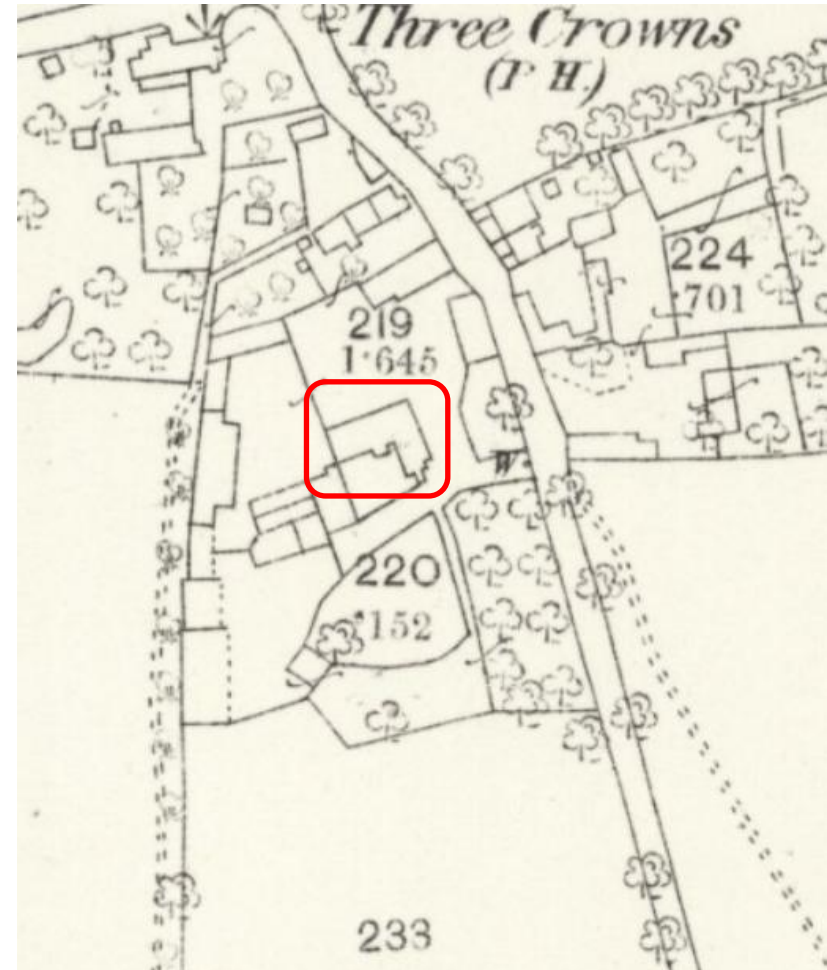


Figure 3.2: 1876 OS map with the approximate location of the Site marked in red (Source: NLS). The Old Manor Farm House is shown with the kitchen cross wing in the south-eastern corner and the southern stair wing in the centre of the main range's rear elevation. We can also potentially decipher a small projection from the external stack on the kitchen cross wing's southern elevation.

3.0 Site Map Regression



Figure 3.3: 1896 OS map with the approximate location of the Site marked in red (Source: NLS). There is no relevant change on-site since Figure 3.2.



Figure 3.4: 1919 OS map with the approximate location of the Site marked in red (Source: NLS). There is no relevant change on-site since Figure 3.2.

3.0 Site Map Regression

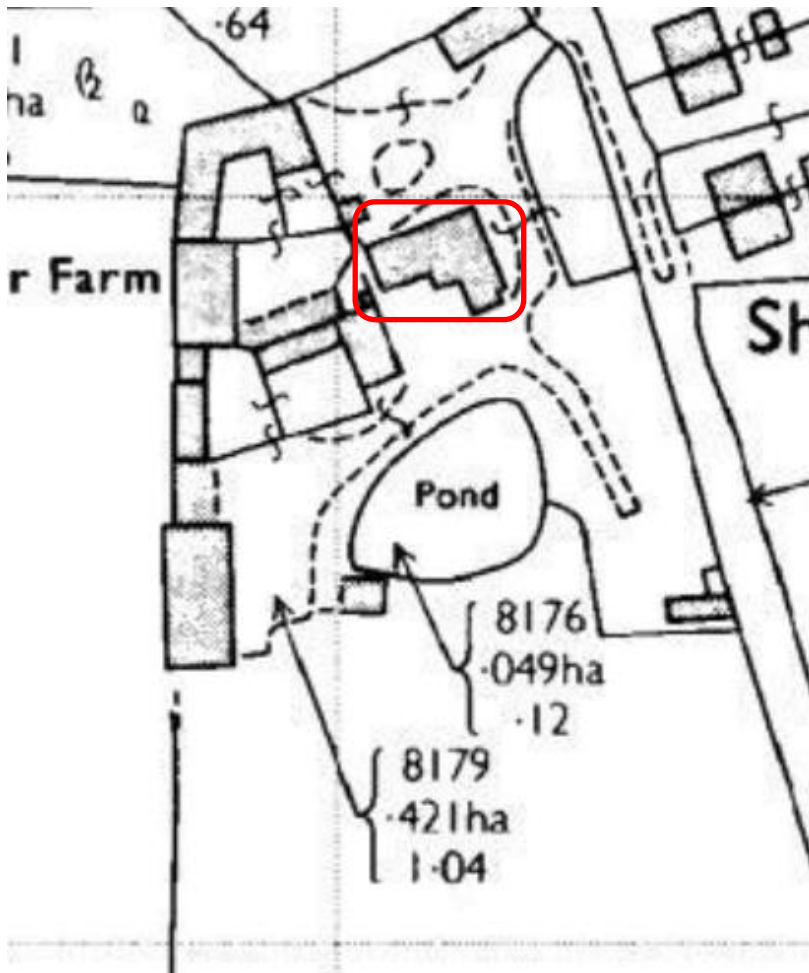


Figure 3.5: 1981 OS map with the approximate location of the Site marked in red (Source: Promap). This map appears to show the infilling between the stair wing and the kitchen cross wing since Figure 3.4.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research

Historic England List Entry

The list description for the whole house reads as follows:

“House. 1624, date on stair wing. Altered C18 and C19. Timber frame on brick base. Rendered. Steeply pitched tiled roofs, hipped on main block. An ‘F’ on plan. Large 2 cell lobby entry with kitchen and stair wings to rear. 2 storeys and attic.

Left or ‘hall’ bay is larger than right or ‘parlour’ bay. Plinth. Entrance to right of centre, recessed plank door with a 3 pane rectangular fanlight and a C18 semi-circular hood on carved brackets. 6 light C19 mullion and transom flush frame small pane casements. Large cross axial ridge stack to right of centre, red brick with an oversailing cap. Blank right end wall. Left end has 10 light mullion and transom casements and a 2 light hipped dormer.

1 bay kitchen wing to rear left, return has an entrance, recessed plank door with a semi-circular hood on carved brackets as to front, 4 light small pane flush frame casements, lower ridge. Rear gable end exposed plates, original external red brick stack, tapering with crowsteps to right to conjoined diagonal shafts with a moulded base, oversailing cap, built out to left side. To rear centre is gabled stair wing with an upper leaded pane 4 light window above which is a carved timber inscribed: ‘W.L. 1624/So God May Still Me Blesse/I Care The Lesse/Let Enuy Say Her Worst/AND AFTER BURST’. Above a moulded bressumer to projecting gable which rests on 2 trumpeting satyr carved brackets. To right of stair wing a later glazed outshut, to left a ground floor 6 light casement.

Interior: ‘hall’ has large fireplace with a stop chamfered lintel, mantelpiece with carved brackets and scrollwork, gadrooned cornice, flanking C17 cupboards. Axial and cross axial ovolo moulded bearers. Newel staircase. Panelled fitted corner cupboard in ‘parlour’. Ogee stop chamfered bearer in kitchen wing.

Formerly known as the Big House or Freeman’s, it is said to be the manor house of Burnels (RCHM 1910:VCH 1914).”

RCHM Report

The list entry predates the 1994 RCHM report whose summary states:

“Old Manor Farm is a timber-framed house on a brick plinth and is L-shaped in plan. The south-east range is probably 16th century in date and was originally a single storey high (building). In the early 17th century, possibly 1624, the main range was added,

presumably replacing an earlier range. Around 1700 the stair-block was added to (the) south of the main range and the south-east range was increased in height, necessitating the addition of a staircase at the east end. These alterations were accompanied by a major campaign of refurbishment: bolection moulded fireplaces and panelling were added to some rooms and the gables of the roof of the main range (were removed) to form hips and gabled dormers added. Recently the building has been renovated and refurbished.”

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research



Figure 4.1: The Old Manor, Shaftenhoe End, c. 1890 (Source: Hertfordshire Genealogy).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1911 Photographs



Figure 4.2: 1911 Image of the rear elevation showing the two wings and the door at the northern end of the kitchen cross wing's western elevation (Source: Hertfordshire Archives).

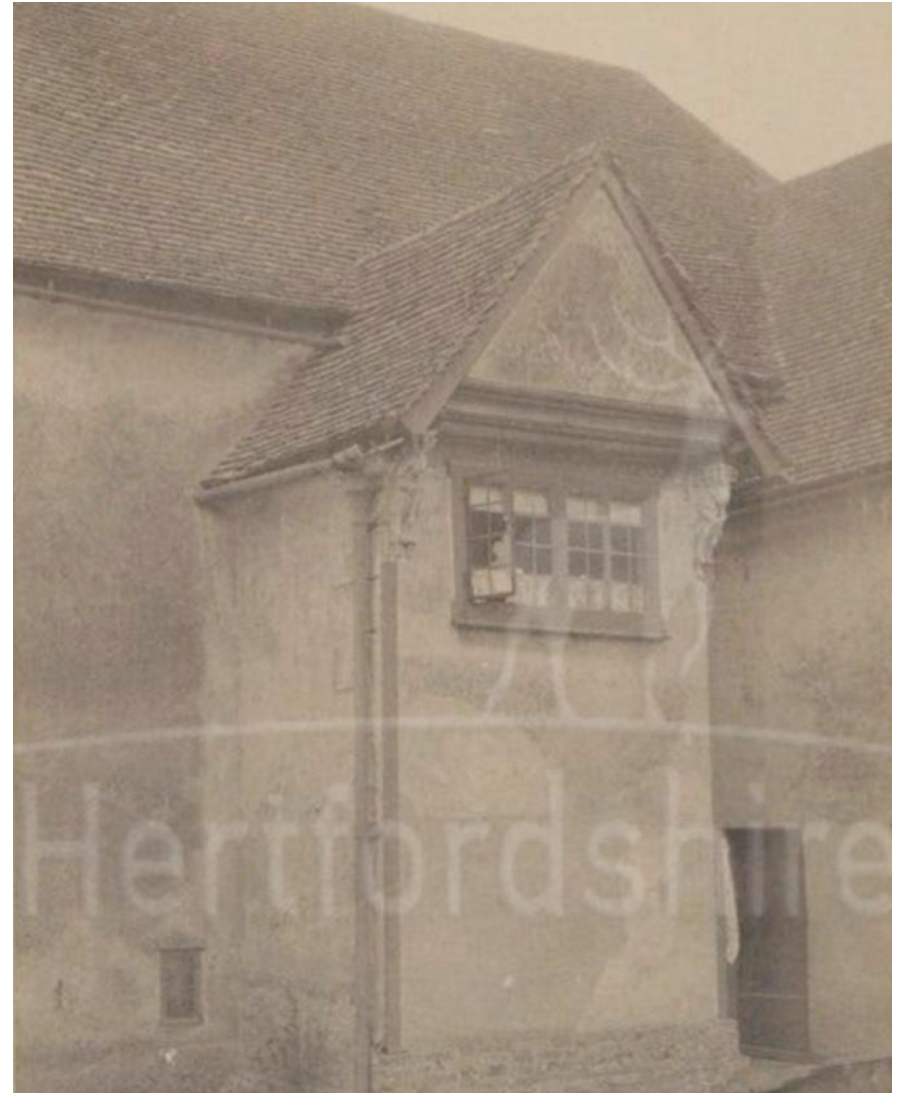


Figure 4.3: 1911 Image of the stair wing (Source: Hertfordshire Archives).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research



Figure 4.4: 1992-94 photograph (Source: Historic England Archives). Showing the northern and eastern elevations.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.5: 1992-94 photograph (Source: Historic England Archives). Showing the canopy, moulded brackets and door on the northern (front) elevation. Also showing the historic 3-plank door in the main entrance.



Figure 4.6: 1992-94 photograph (Source: Historic England Archives). Showing the southern elevation of the kitchen cross wing.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.7: 1992-94 photograph showing the southern elevation of the main range and the kitchen cross wing (Source: Historic England Archives).



Figure 4.8: 1992-94 photograph showing the first floor window in the rear stair wing (Source: Historic England Archives).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.9: 1992-94 photograph showing the interior of the ground floor eastern central room (dining room) looking north-west (Source: Historic England Archives, Reference: BB92/06140).



Figure 4.10: 1992-94 photograph showing the interior of the ground floor eastern central room (dining room) looking south-west (Source: Historic England Archives, Reference: BB92/06142).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.11: 1992-94 photograph showing the ground floor western room in the main range (sitting room) and its corner cupboard (Source: Historic England Archives). Note the 18th century cupboard is shown in the south-western side of the room at this time.



Figure 4.12: 1992-94 photograph showing the ground floor western room in the main range (sitting room) and its fireplace (Source: Historic England Archives). Also shown is the doorway towards the entrance lobby (left) and a door into a cupboard (right).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.13: 1992-94 photograph showing the ground floor corridor that used to run along the southern side of the dining room looking west (Source: Historic England Archives, Reference: BB92/06146). Note the steps up to the stair wing on the left hand side.



Figure 4.14: 1992-94 photograph showing the historic splat balusters and newel post in the stair wing (Source: Historic England Archives, Reference: BB92/06154).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.15: 1992-94 photograph showing the western bedroom at first floor (Source: Historic England Archives, Reference: BB92/06147). Note the overmantel and cornice above the fireplace.



Figure 4.16: 1992-94 photograph showing the north-eastern bedroom at first floor (Source: Historic England Archives). Note the overmantel and cornice above the fireplace.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.17: 1992-94 photograph (Source: Historic England Archives). It is not clear which historic staircase is shown here.



Figure 4.18: 1992-94 photograph showing the kitchen on the ground floor of the kitchen cross wing (Source: Historic England Archives).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.19: 1992-94 photograph showing the south-eastern bedroom at first floor level within the kitchen cross wing (Source: Historic England Archives).



Figure 4.20: 1992-94 photograph showing the south-eastern bedroom at first floor level within the kitchen cross wing (Source: Historic England Archives). Note the upper parts of the historic windows visible to either side (marked in red).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Photographs



Figure 4.21: 1992-94 photograph showing the north eastern bedroom at first floor level (Source: Historic England Archives).



Figure 4.22: 1992-94 photograph showing the interior of the roof space of the main range (Source: Historic England Archives, Reference: BB92/06155). Figure 4.37 from 1992 confirms that the only location of a dormer window extant at that time was at the eastern end of the main range. Figure 4.22 therefore shows the area today known as the north-eastern bedroom at loft level in 1992.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Drawings

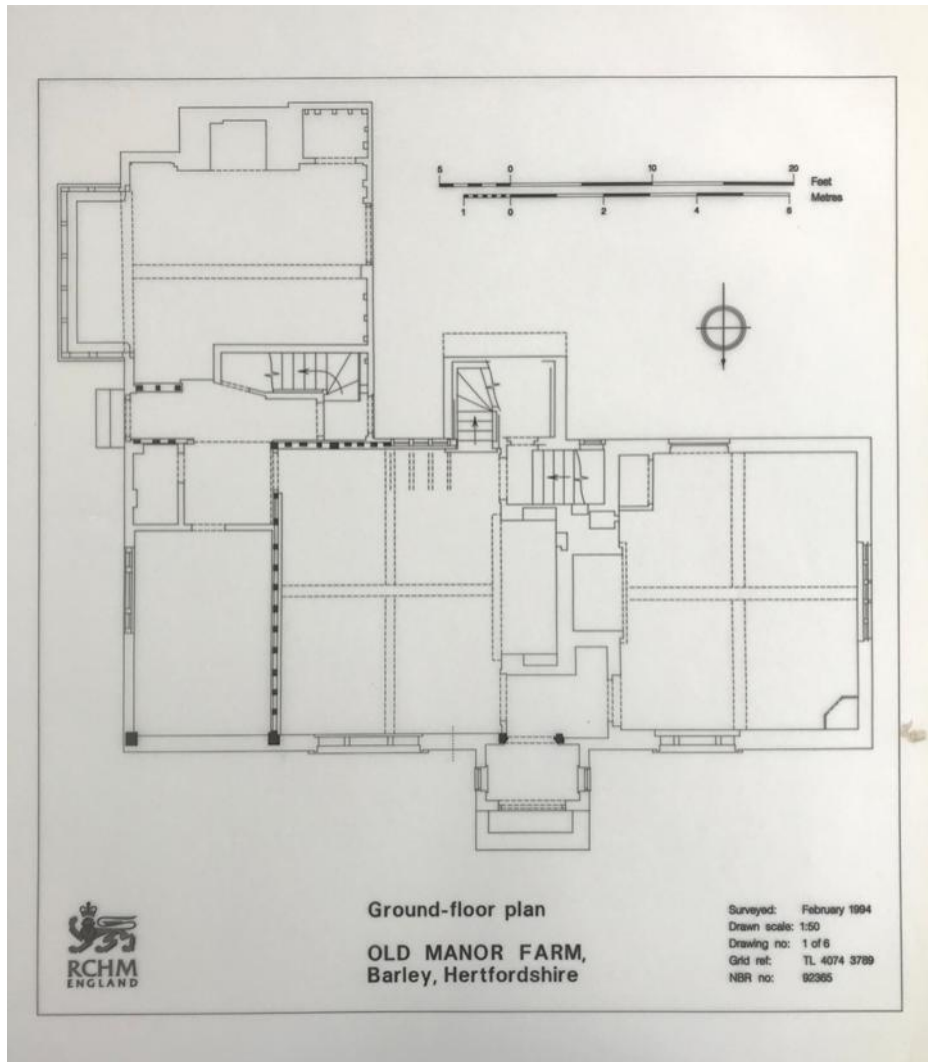


Figure 4.23: 1992-94 ground floor plan of house (Source: Historic England Archives).

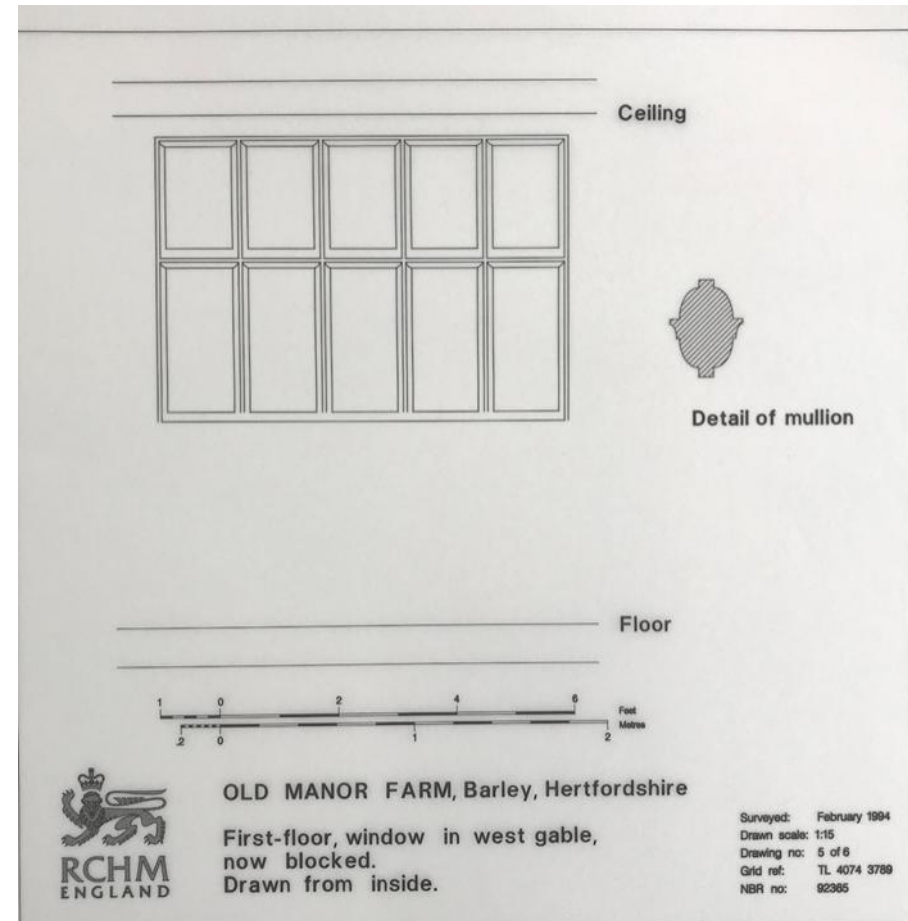


Figure 4.24: 1992-94 drawing of the first floor window in the western gable (Source: Historic England Archives, Reference: BB92/06155).

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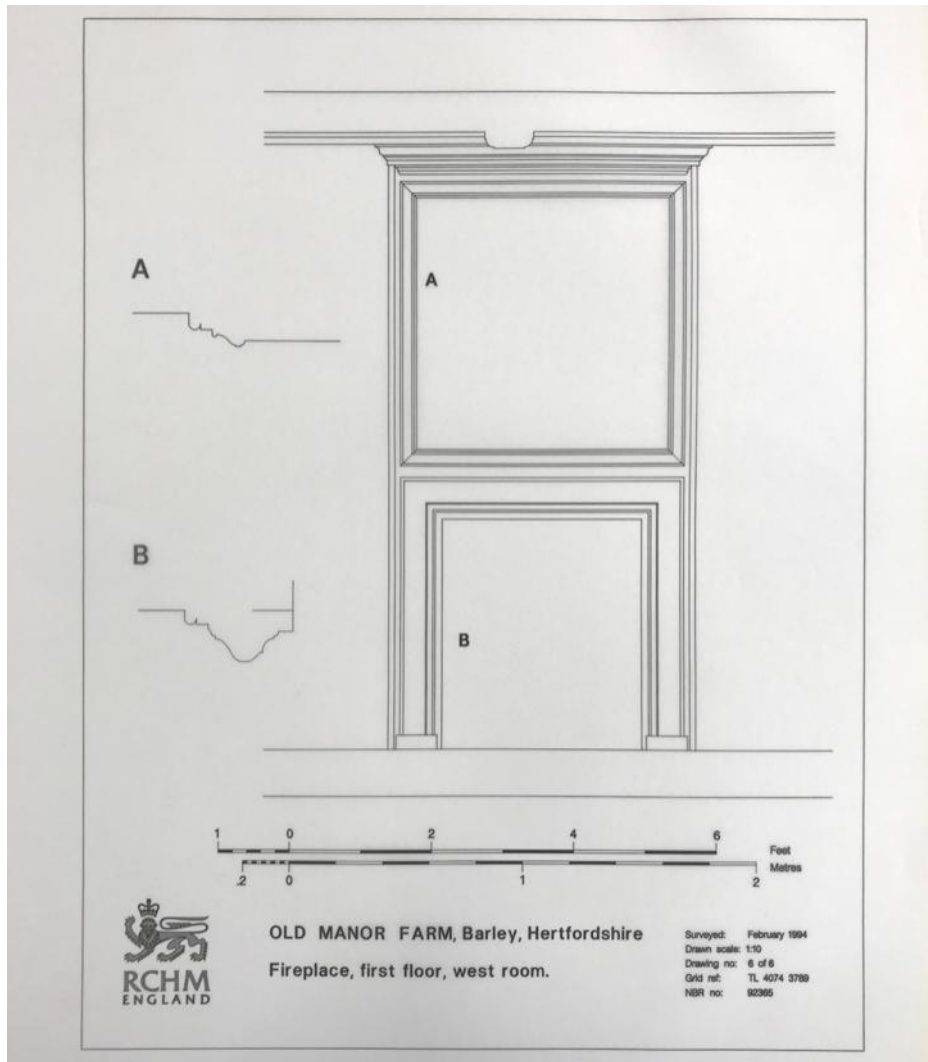


Figure 4.25: 1992-94 drawing of the first floor western bedroom's chimneypiece, overmantel and cornice (Source: Historic England Archives).

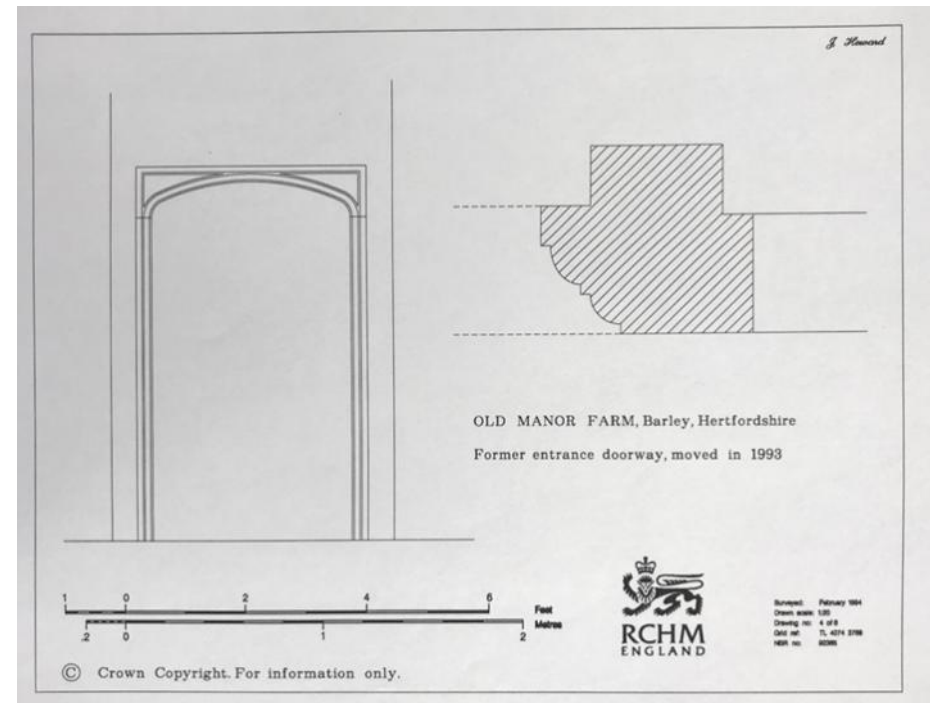


Figure 4.26: 1992-94 drawing of the former entrance doorway, moved in 1993 (Source: Historic England Archives).

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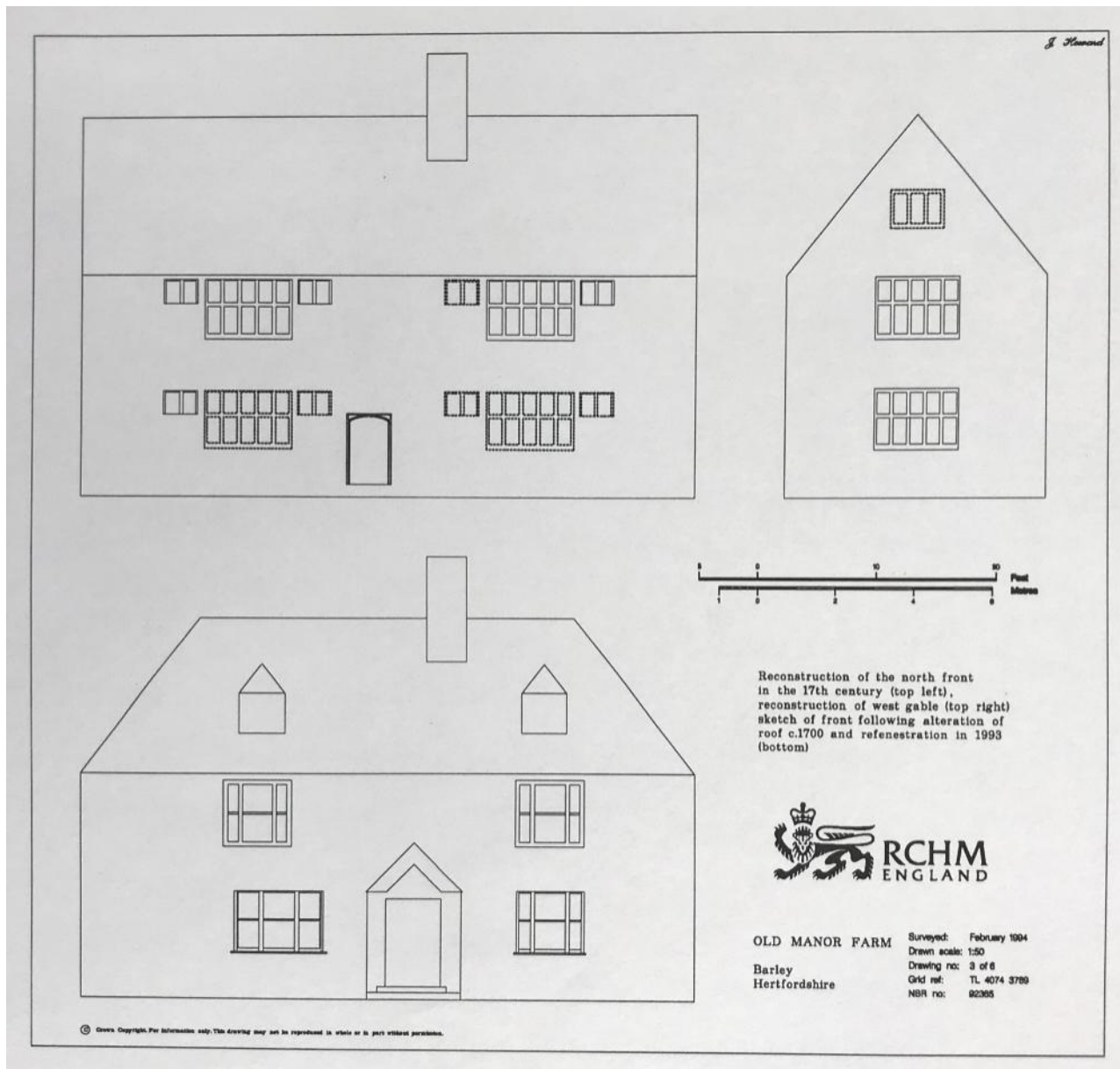


Figure 4.27: Showing the RCHM’s drawings of how the front elevation may have appeared in the 17th century compared to the existing (Source: Historic England Archives).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 Drawings

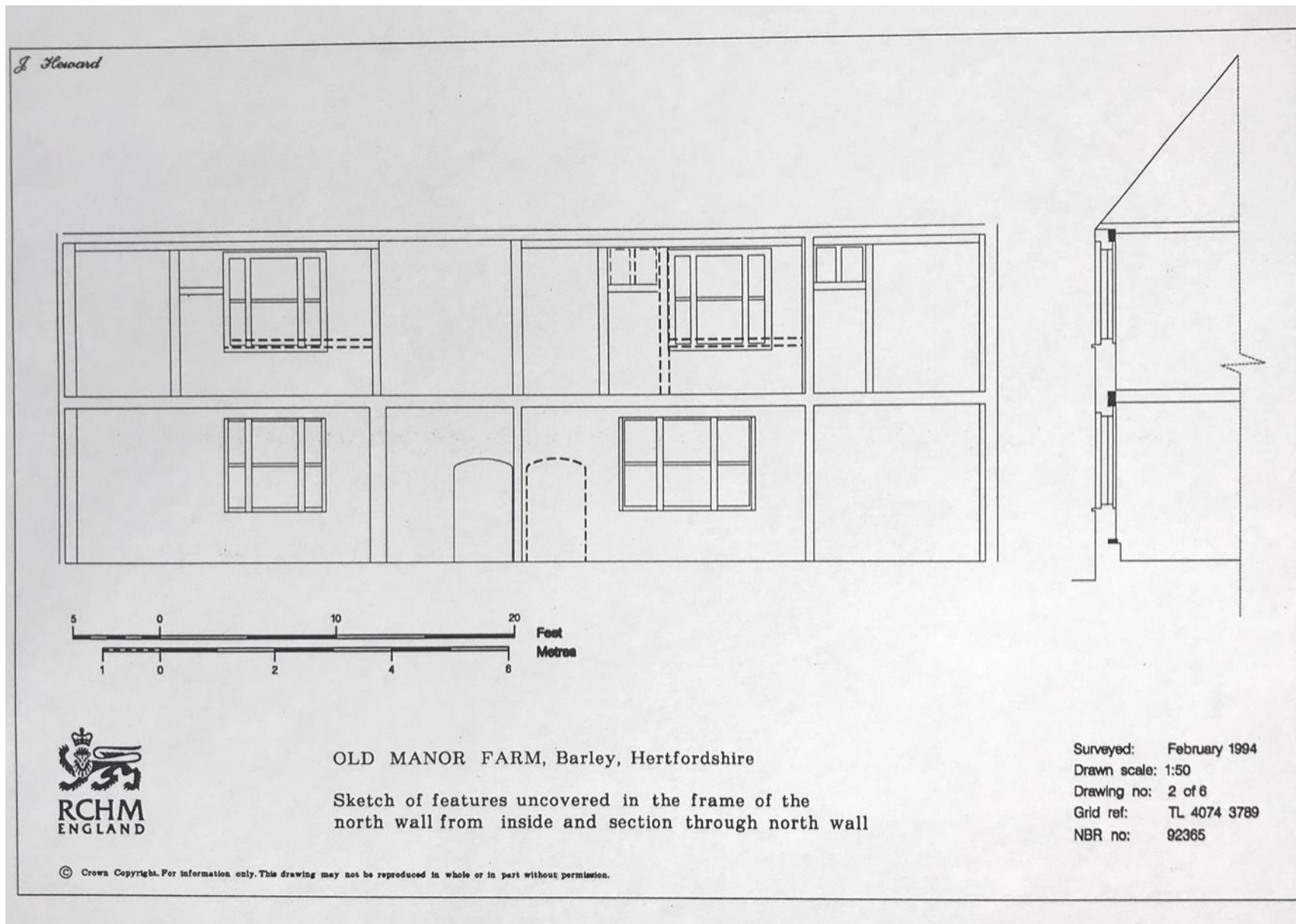


Figure 4.28: 1992-94 drawing showing features uncovered in the frame of the north wall from inside and section through north wall (Source: Historic England Archives).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Archival Research—1992-94 RCHM Report

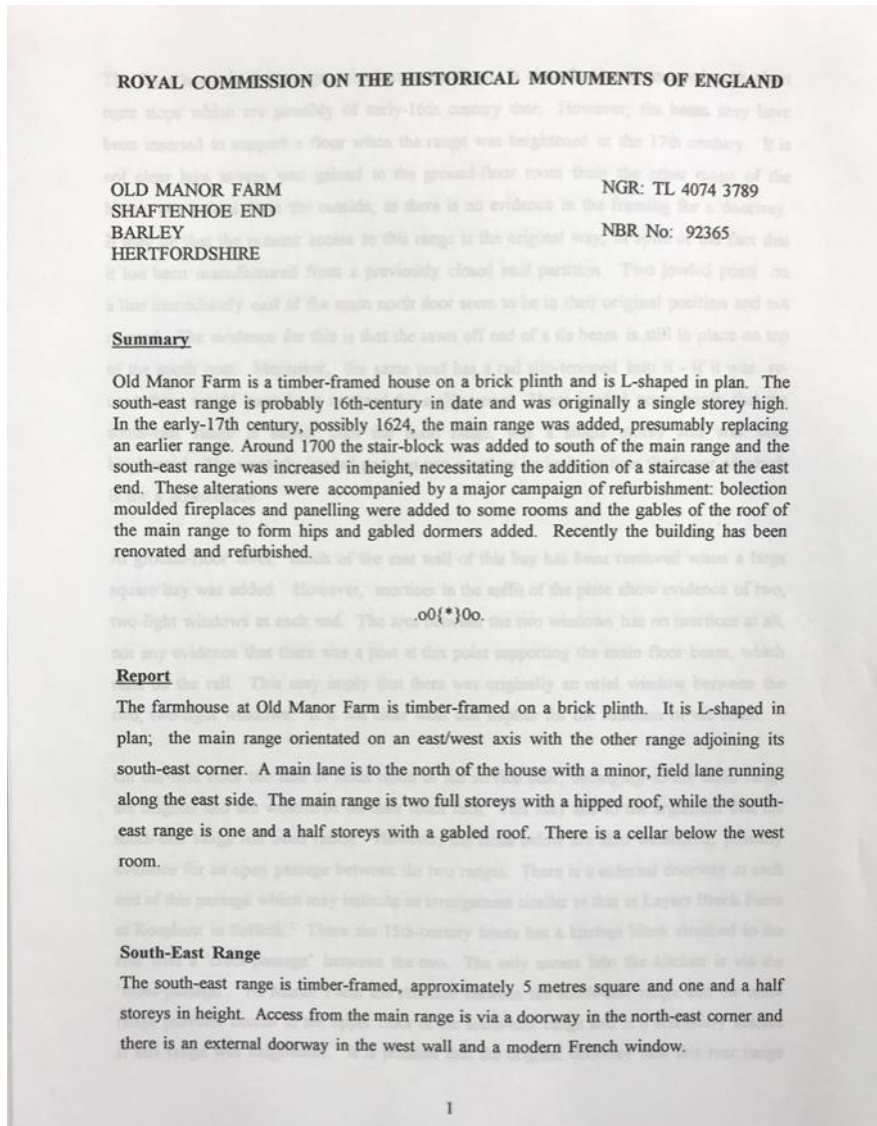


Figure 4.29: 1992-94 RCHM report, page 1 (Source: Historic England Archives).

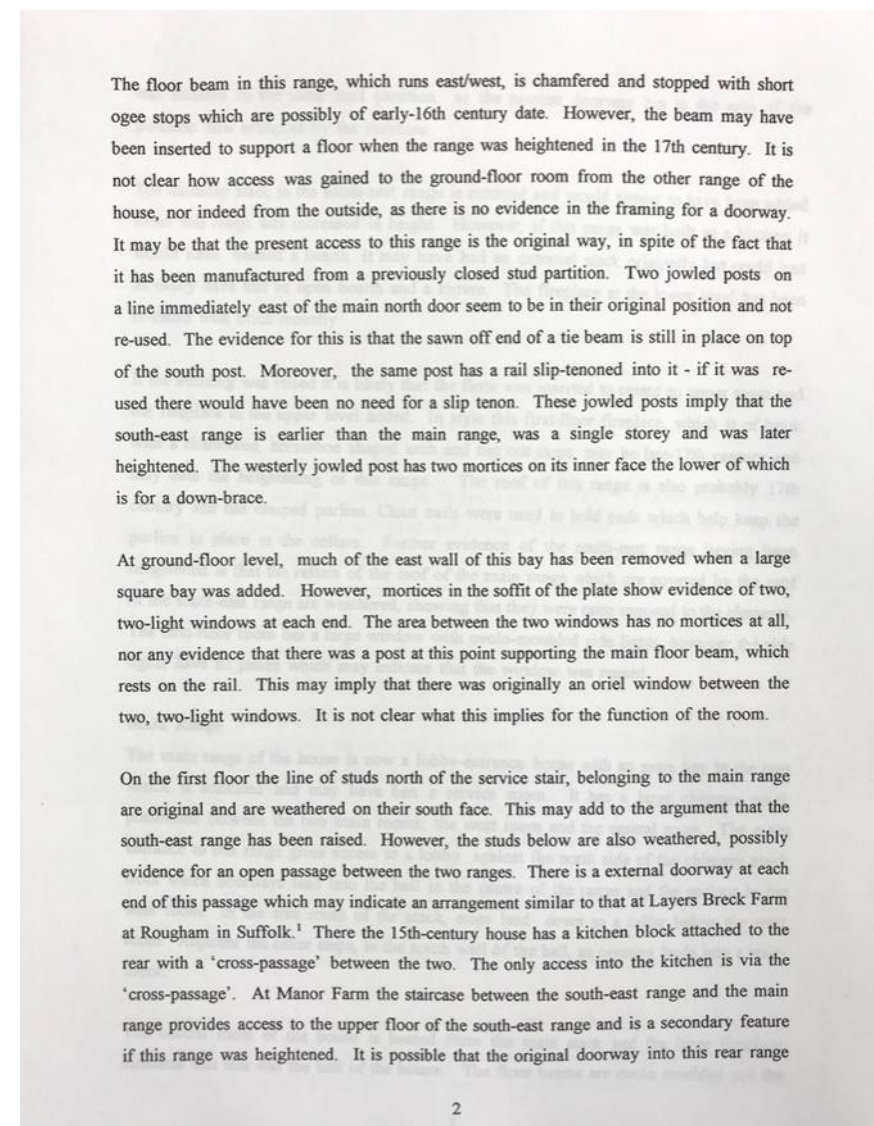


Figure 4.30: 1992-94 RCHM report, page 2 (Source: Historic England Archives).

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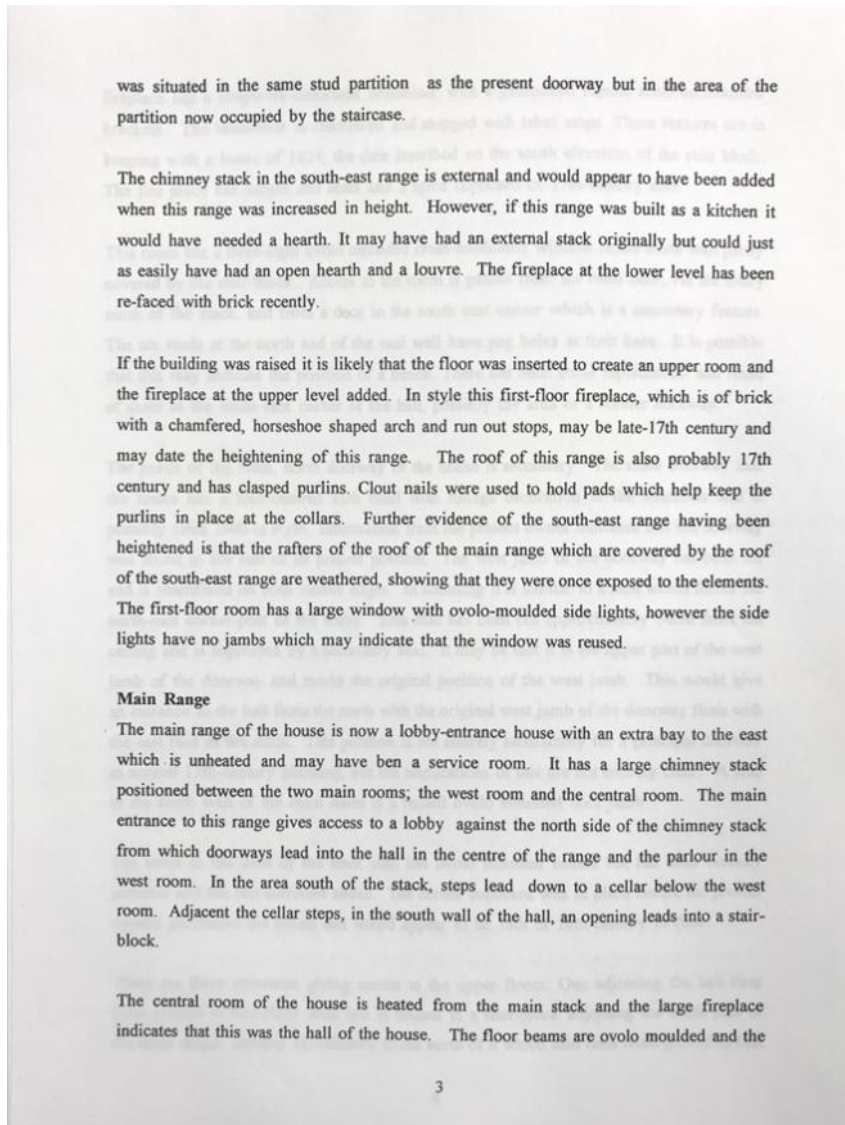


Figure 4.31: 1992-94 RCHM report, page 3 (Source: Historic England Archives).

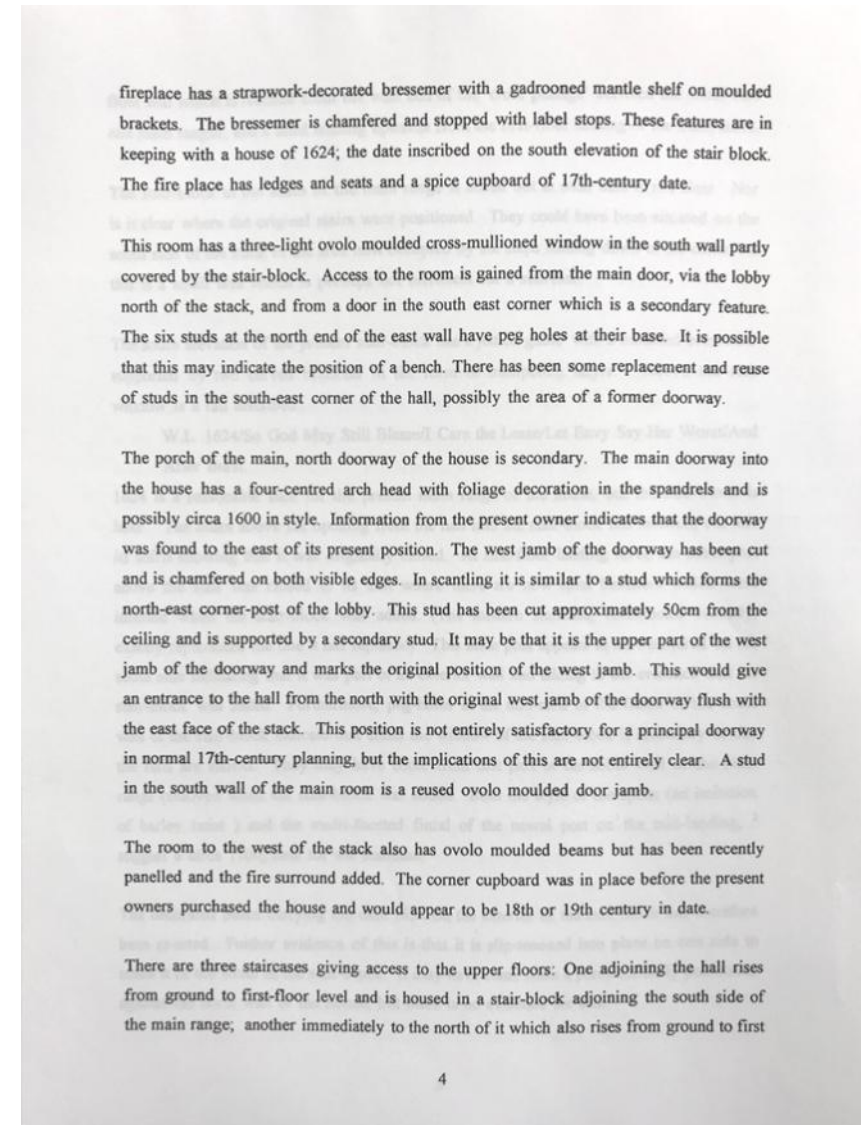


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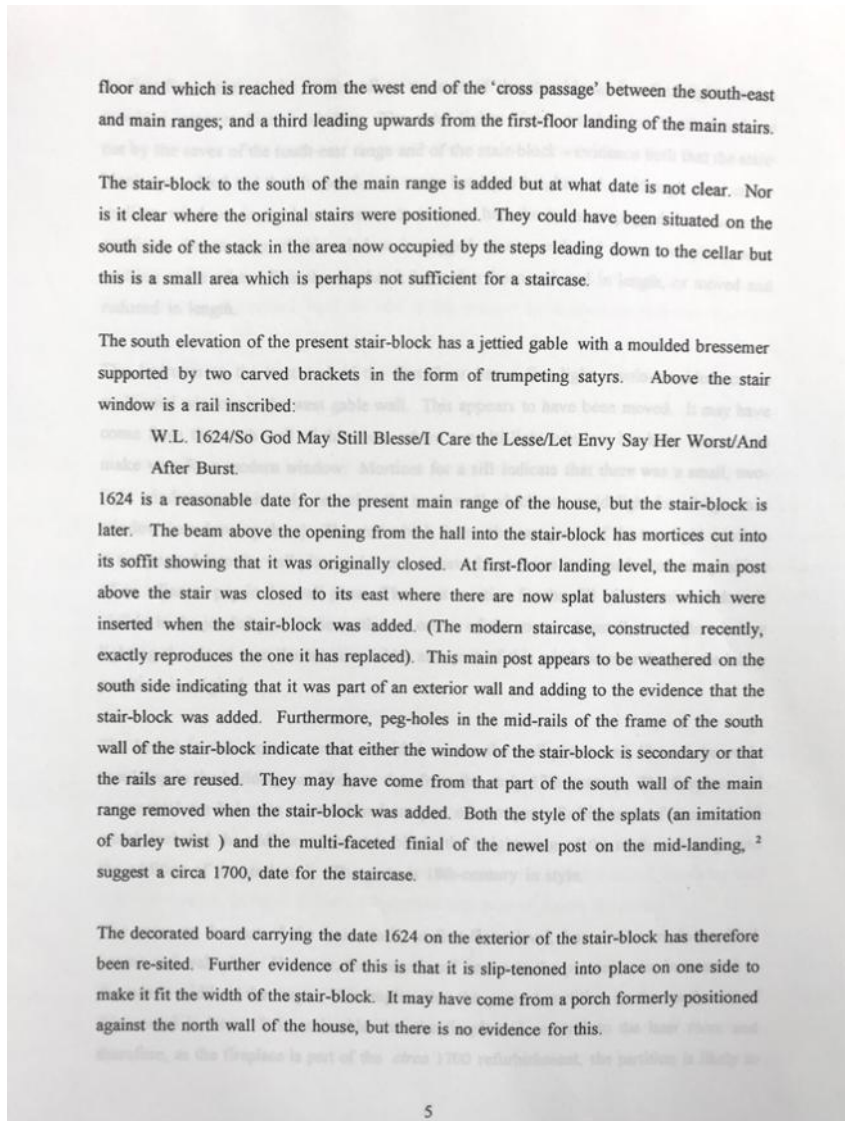


Figure 4.33: 1992-94 RCHM report, page 5 (Source: Historic England Archives).

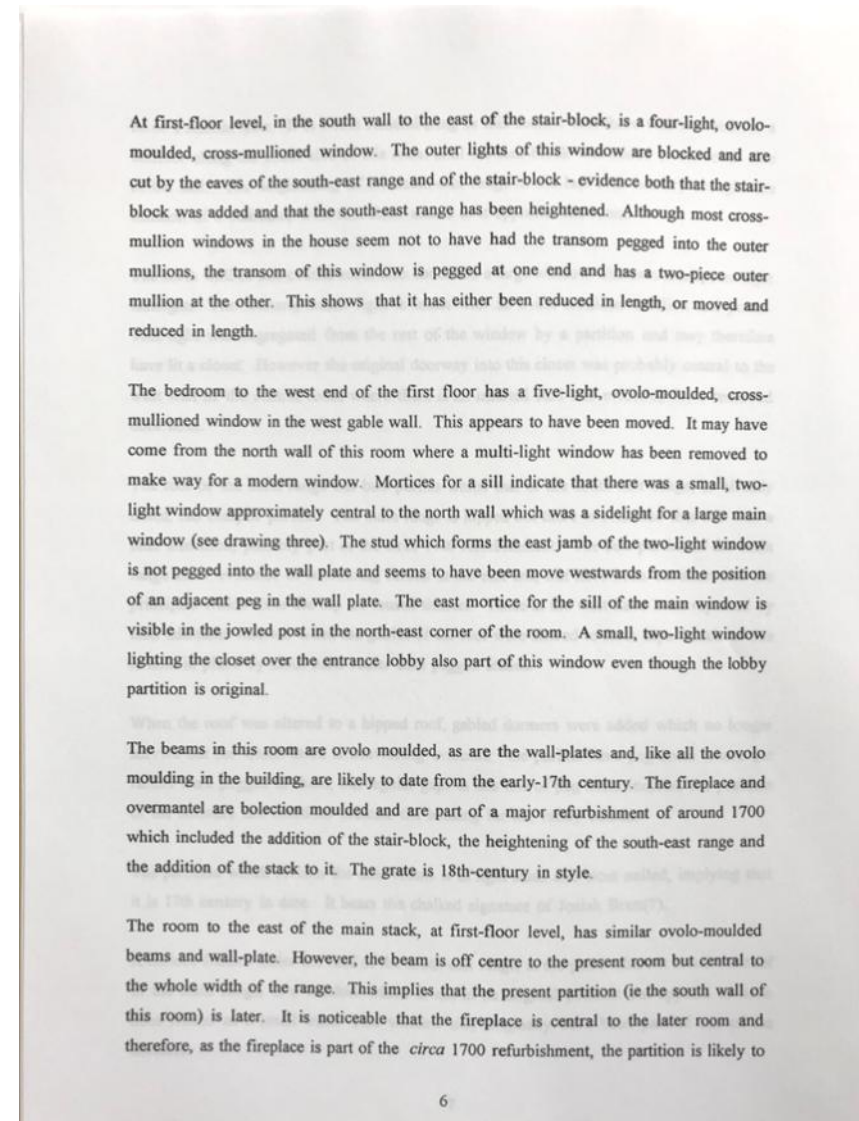


Figure 4.34: 1992-94 RCHM report, page 6 (Source: Historic England Archives).

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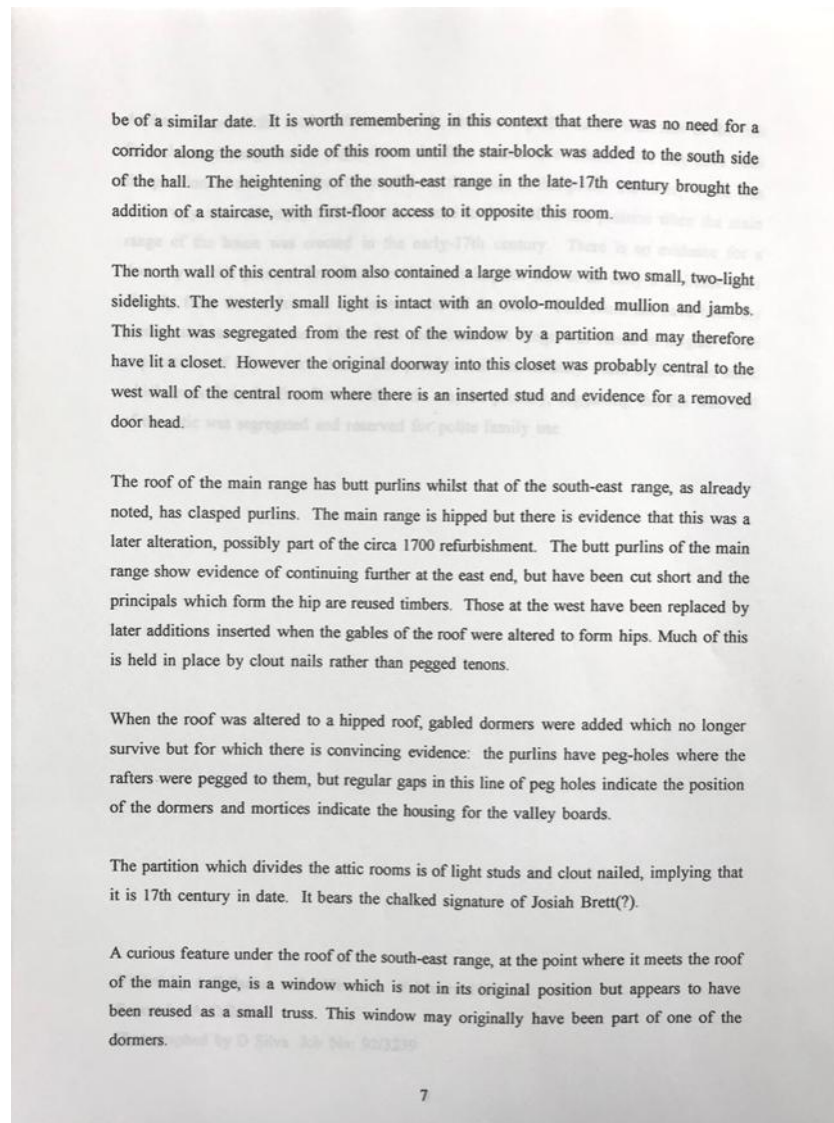


Figure 4.35: 1992-94 RCHM report, page 7 (Source: Historic England Archives).

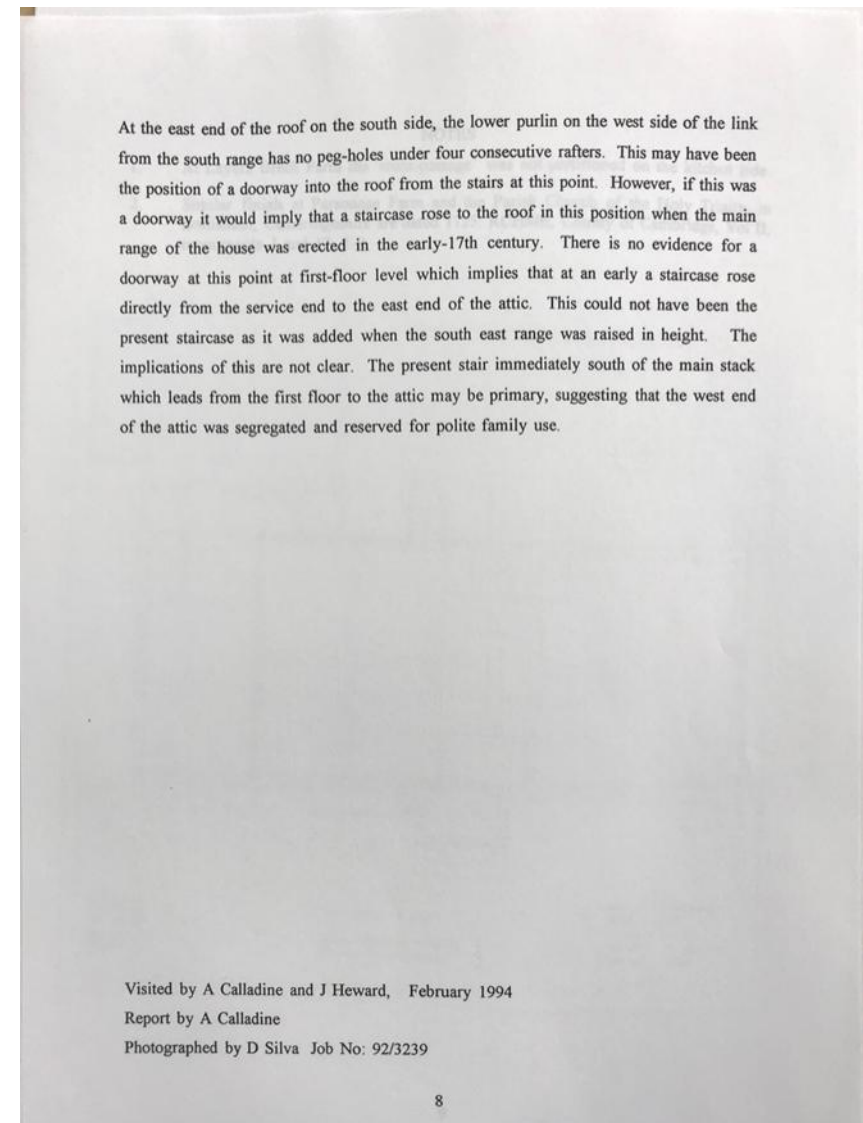


Figure 4.36: 1992-94 RCHM report, page 8 (Source: Historic England Archives).

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Planning History

From a review of the online planning register we provide below a summary of the relevant applications for the subject building available via the online planning register:

- Application Ref: 92/00169/1LB for *“Front Entrance Porch, bay window, 4 dormer window, installation of replacement windows, additional rooflight windows, internal alterations including new staircase and removal of partition walls. Demolition of existing out-building and re-erection of garden room with link to existing house (in accordance with amended drawings received by local planning authority on 24th July 1992).”* Conditioned consent. Decision Date 11 Sept 1992.
- Application Ref: 92/01013/1LB for *“Alterations to and conversion of barn into dwelling. (In accordance with amended drawings received by Local Planning Authority on 9th December 1992).”* Conditioned consent. Decision 21 Jan 1993.
- Application Ref: 98/00234/1 for *“Alteration and conversion of existing barns into three dwelling with garaging, boundary wall, landscaping and ancillary works (as amended/amplified by drawings received on 1. 4.98, 11.8.98, 7.9.98 and 10.9.98).”* Conditional consent. Decision date Thu 17 Sep 1998.
- Application Reference: 00/00847/1LB for *“Single storey side extension and internal alterations.”* Consent. Decision date Thu 17 Aug 2000.
- Application Ref: 22/03038/LBC for *“Rear single storey extension with associated ground works (as amended by plans received on 16th May and 26th June 2023).”* Conditional Consent. Decision date Wed 28 Jun 2023
- Application Ref: 22/03037/FPH for *“Single storey rear extension, installation of outdoor swimming pool and external seating area (as amended by plans received on 16th May and 26th June 2023).”* Conditional Consent. Decision date Wed 28 Jun 2023.
- Application Ref: 25/00895/LBC for *“Internal alterations and opening-up to facilitate investigation works to existing listed building fabric.”* Conditional Consent. Wed 04 Jun 2025.
- Application Ref: 25/01950/LBC for *“Single storey extension and conservatory with glazed link to garden, removal of existing bay window and existing shed and installation of external air source heat pump together with alterations to existing fenestration to the Old Manor Lodge. Internal alterations.”* Not yet determined.
- Application Ref: 25/01949/FPH for *“Single storey extension and conservatory with glazed link to garden, removal of existing bay window and existing shed and installation of external air source heat pump together with alterations to existing fenestration to the Old Manor Lodge.”* Not yet determined.

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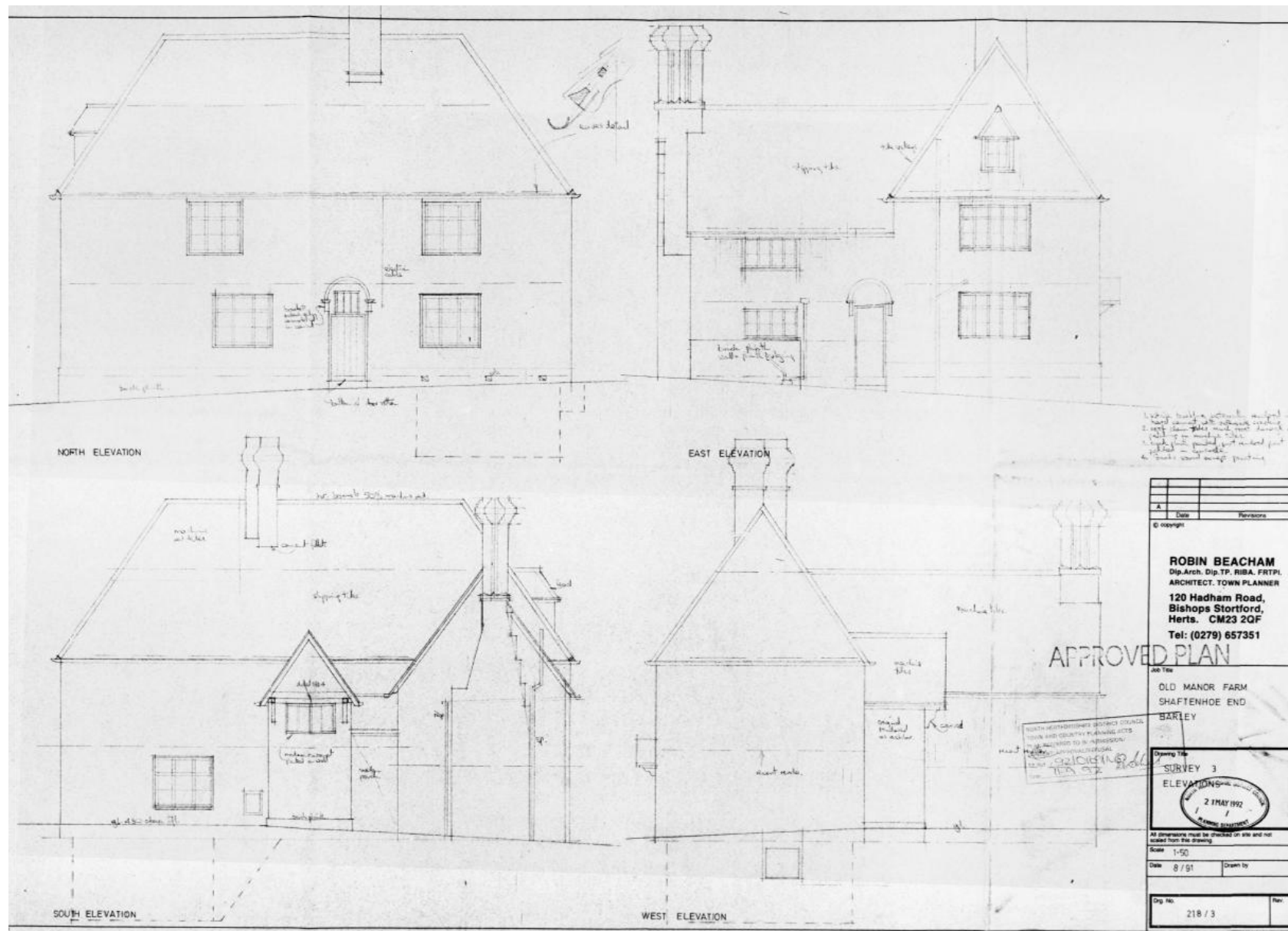


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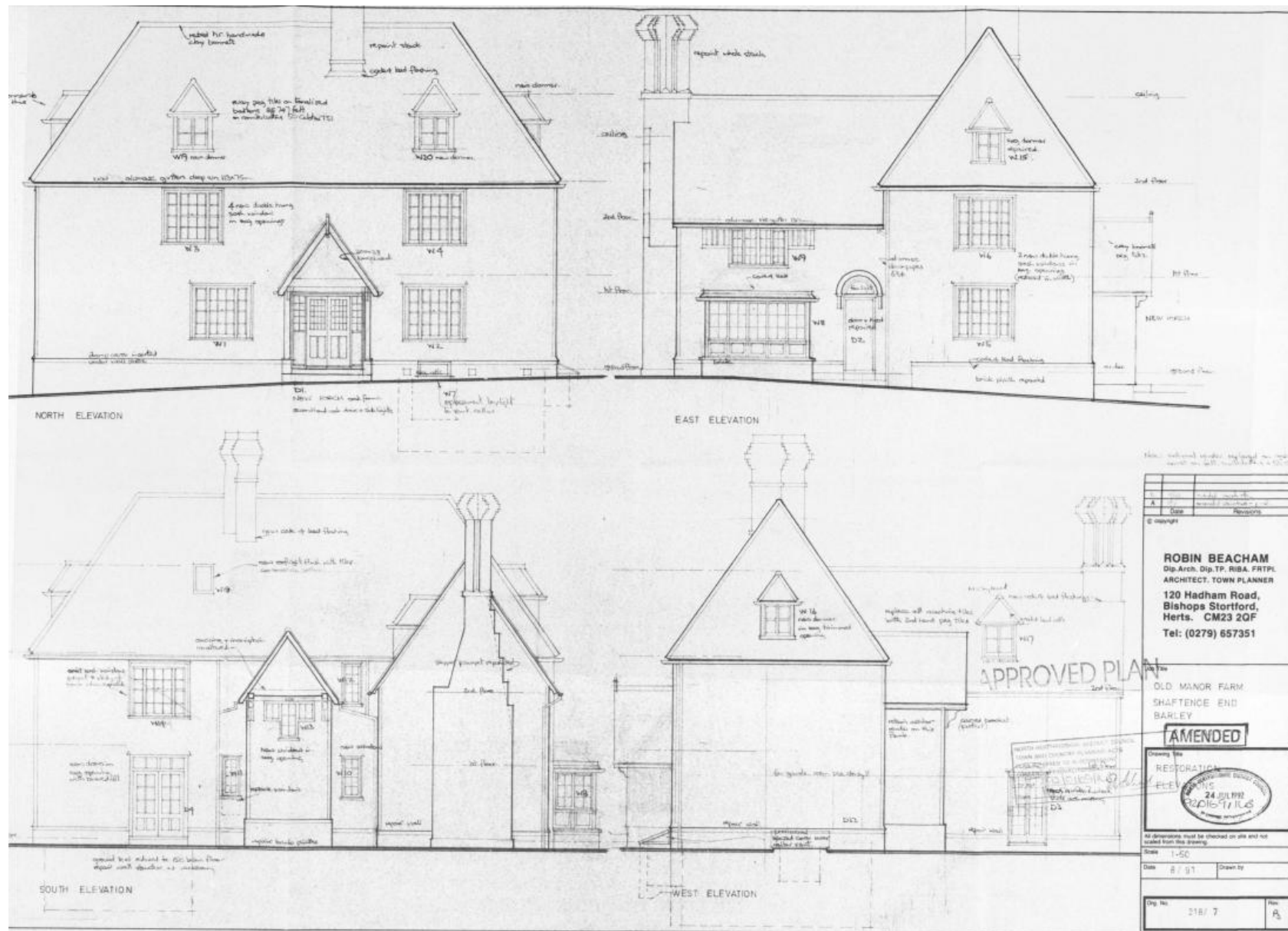


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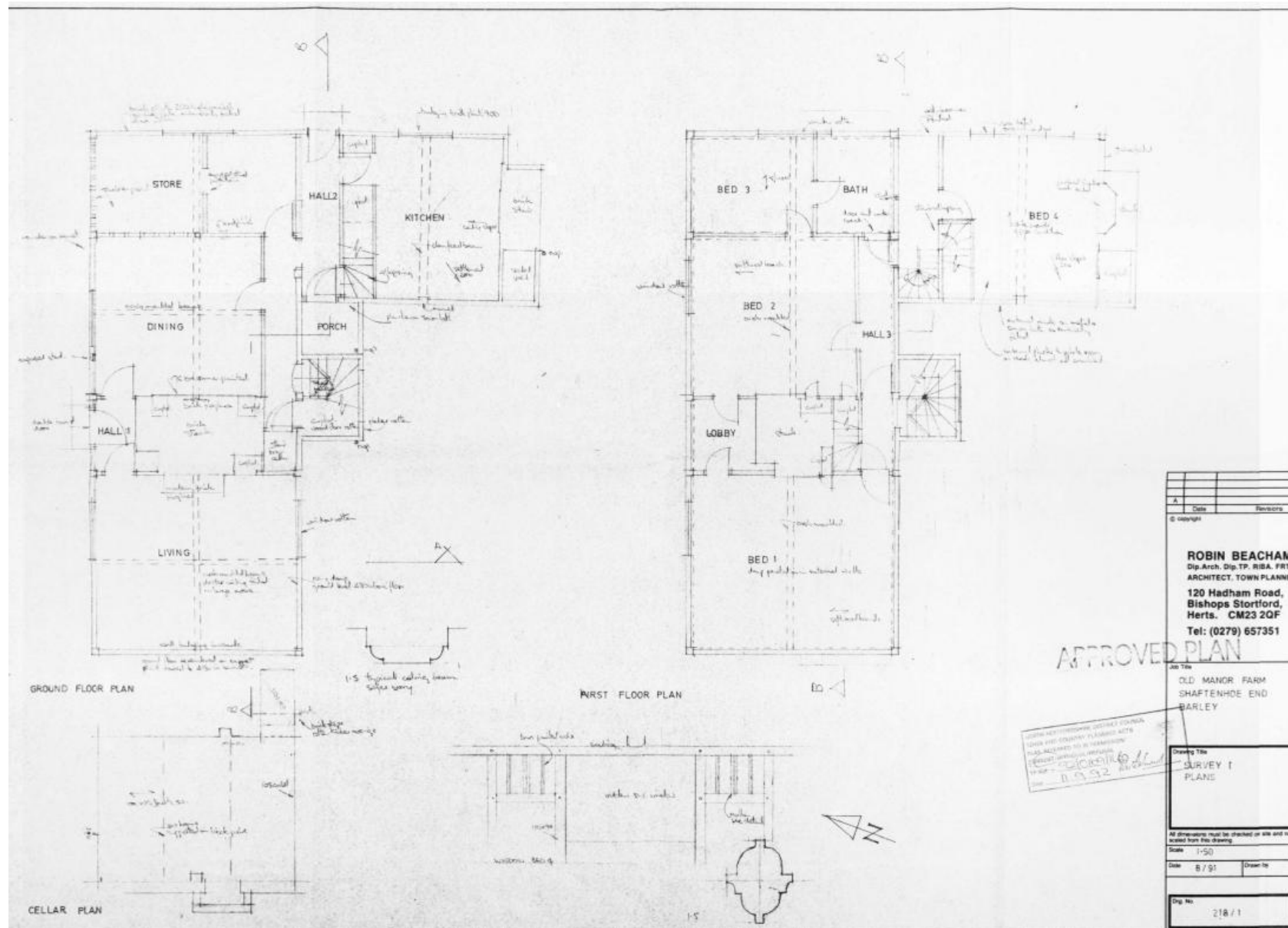


Figure 4.39: Existing floor plans for Application Reference: 92/00169/1LB).

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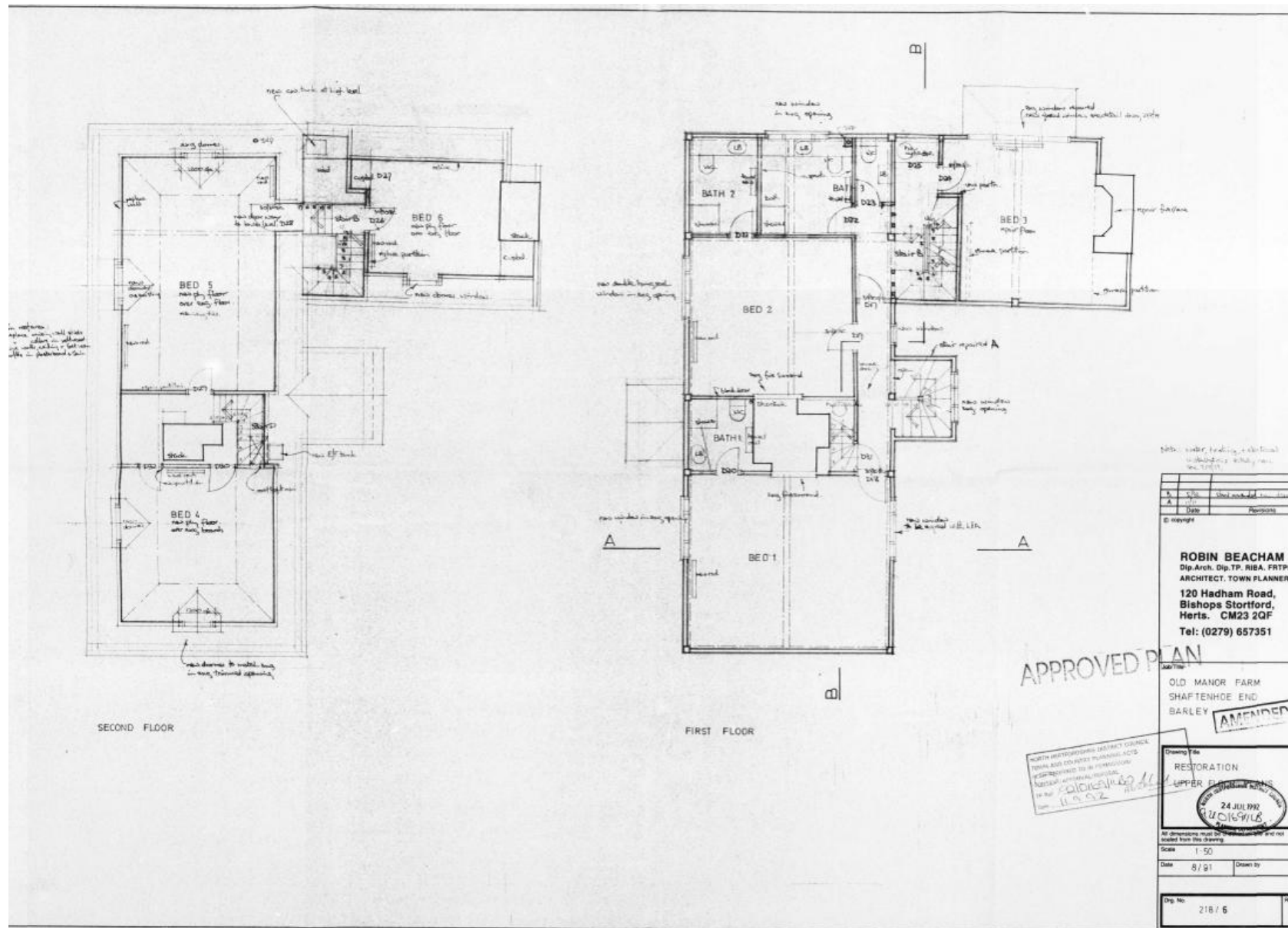


Figure 4.41: Proposed first and second floor plans for Application Reference: 92/00169/1LB).

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N.B. The proposed southern elevation annotation reads: *“horizontal weather boarding (as original).”*

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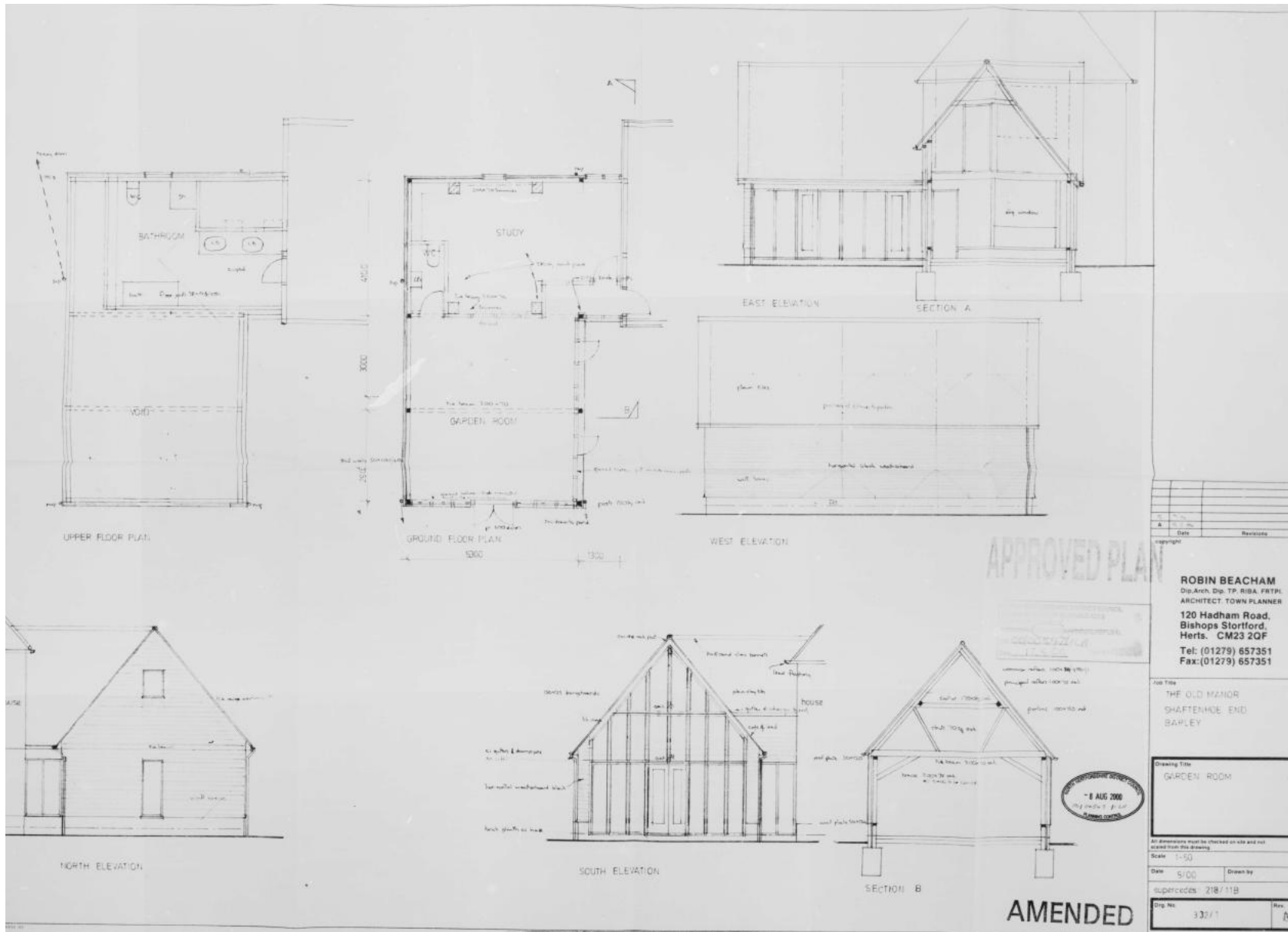


Figure 4.43: Proposed revised elevations for the sun/garden room under Application Reference: 00/00847/1LB.

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Figure 4.44:
Existing east
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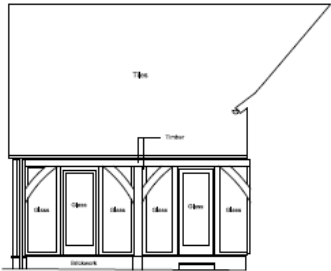


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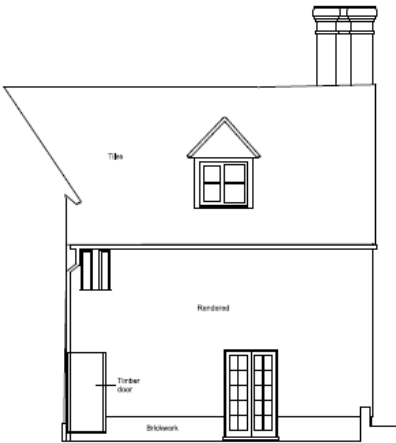
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Existing west
and north
elevations for
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4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Planning History—Appl. Ref: 22/03038/LBC

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Courtyard elevation looking west



Courtyard elevation looking east

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Figure 4.46:
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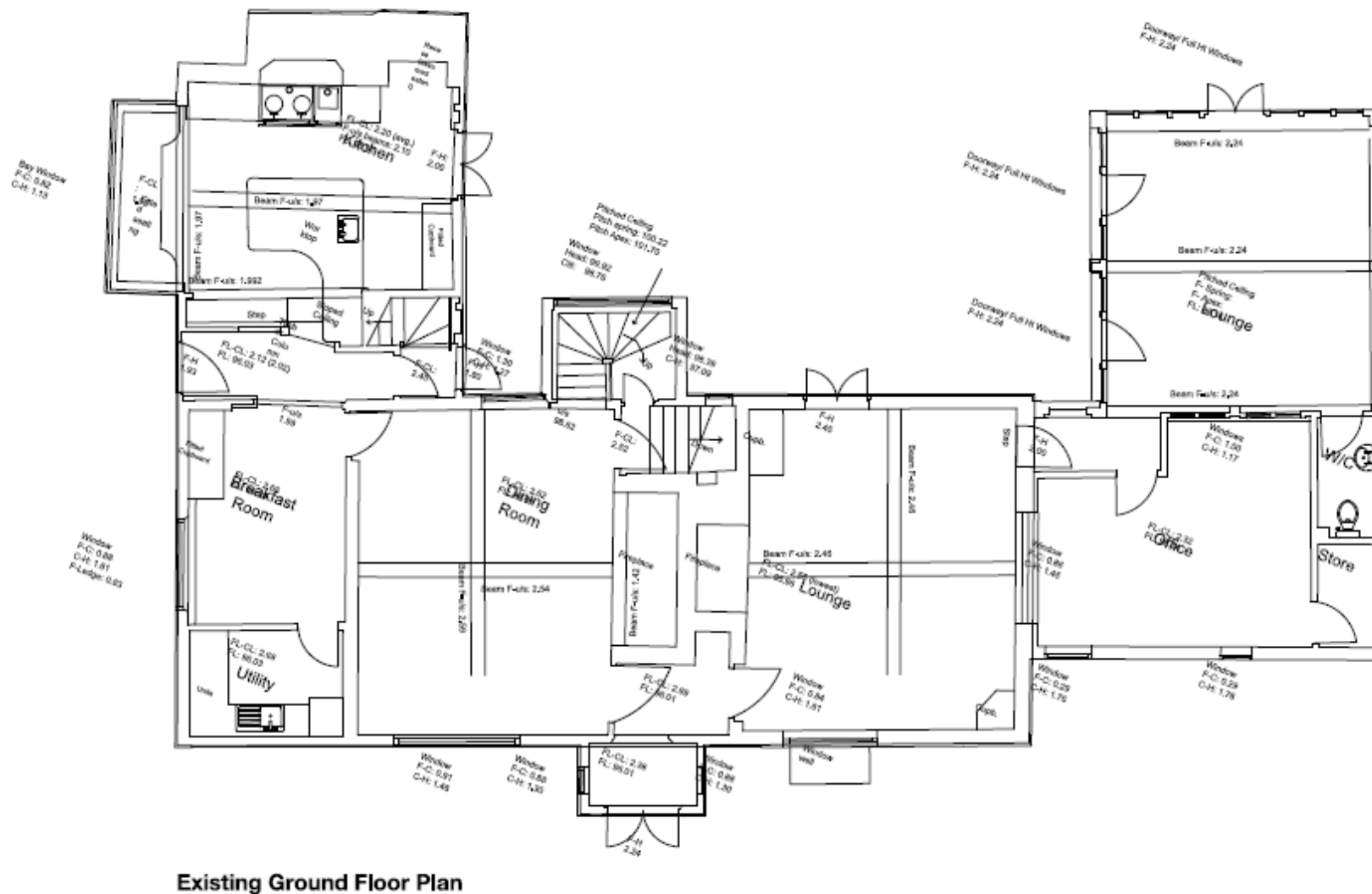


Figure 4.47:
Existing
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Figure 4.48:
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4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Planning History—Appl. Ref: 22/03038/LBC



Figure 4.49:
Proposed south and east elevations for Application Reference: 22/03038/LBC.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection

The house was historically arranged as an F-plan with the main range facing east-west, a kitchen cross wing orientated north-south attached at the eastern end of the main range's southern elevation, and a rear stair core in the centre of the main range's rear elevation.

The front elevation of the main range was built over two storeys and across two bays. The western or 'hall' bay is larger than the eastern or 'parlour' bay. The main range of the house has a lobby entrance house with an extra bay to the east which historically was unheated and may have been a service room. It is likely that the kitchen cross wing to the rear was originally a single storey and built in the 16th century, the main hall (which replaced an older hall) is likely 17th century (possibly 1624 specifically) and the stair wing addition dates to approximately 1700.

The house is timber-framed on a brick base, with rendered walls over Celotex external insulation and two brick chimneystacks—one in the centre of the main range's roof and the other an external stack on the kitchen cross wing's southern elevation.

The main range's roof has plain clay tiles and is hipped at both ends, with a hipped dormer window in the eastern and western roofslopes, and a conservation rooflight on the main range's southern roofslope. The kitchen cross wing and stair wing roofs are gabled as is the modern sun room on the south-western corner. These are also covered with red clay plain tiles.

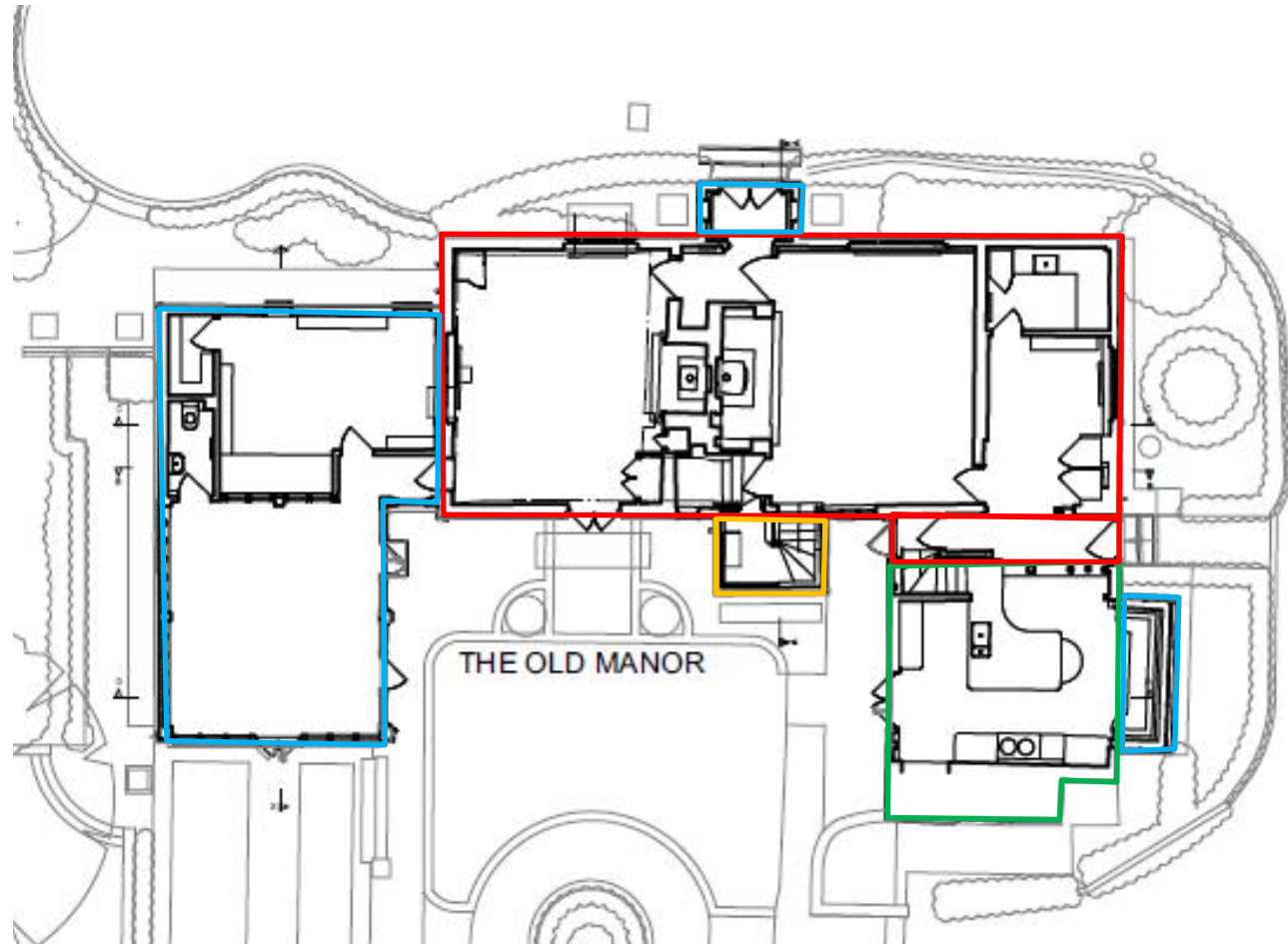


Figure 4.50: Showing the phasing of the house. The following key has been used:

- **Green:** Denotes 16th century.
- **Red:** Denotes 1624.
- **Orange:** Denotes 1700.
- **Blue:** Denotes 1990s– early 2000s.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—North Elevation

Northern Elevation

We know from Figure 4.37 and 4.38 that all windows on the front elevation of the main range date to the mid 1990s following approval of Application Reference: 92/00169/1LB). This consent also approved the construction of the existing porch and the two dormers on the front roofslope.

At ground floor level the windows comprise tripartite timber '6 over 6' sash windows flanked by '2 over 2' sashes. These windows are not vertically aligned with those seen at first floor level. Prior to their installation the building had casement windows, more in keeping with the style of the building. The window positions have been brought forward in relation to their original positions due to the external insulation cladding (Celotex) that was approved as part of the 1993 consent. The bringing forward of the window position and use of non-breathable Celotex are both considered to detract from significance. The windows each have lead lipped details above to shed rainwater.

The central porch is gabled and covered in cambered red clay plain tiles. Its ridge has red clay ridge tiles. The front door comprises a pair of framed boarded doors hung on decorative Gothic strap hinges and below a 3-centred arched timber doorframe. The consented drawings from the 1992 consent state these doors would be 'second hand'. The porch's front elevation has plain timber bargeboards and a decorative pendant finial.

The main range's roof has pronounced overhanging eaves with a hipped roof with sprocketed eaves. The RCHM report confirms that the roof was originally gabled, but altered to its present hipped configuration in c. 1700. The rainwater goods are modern aluminium examples, that are sympathetic, but not of any heritage value. The guttering is attached to the rafter feet.

The roof also includes two hipped dormers from the 1990s, as discussed each with a modern 2-light timber casement of no heritage value. Their roofs are covered with red clay plain tiles and red clay hip tiles. The dormer jambs are rolled lead.

Off centre at roof level is a red brick chimneystack built of historic red brick laid in eclectic bond. The chimneystack is positioned between the two main ground floor rooms; the western room (sitting room) and the central room (dining room) at ground floor, and the western bedroom and north-eastern bedroom at first floor. The stack has a dogtooth cornice.



Figure 4.51: Showing the northern (front) elevation.



Figure 4.52: Showing the front porch.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—North Elevation

At low level the elevation has a modern red brick plinth laid in stretcher bond. The bond is somewhat prosaic and the quality of the bricks commonplace. It is likely the plinth position has been set forward due to the external insulation cladding applied to the elevation. These works took place as part of the 1990s phase of works.

On the western side of the front elevation is a modern red brick enclosure surrounding a small window serving the cellar. The window has a glazed monopitched roof covering.

On the western side of the main house is a 'sun room' built as part of the 1993 consent as shown by Figure 4.42 with later alterations following approved Application Reference: 00/00847/1LB). This is clad with timber weatherboarding laid horizontally and painted black in the traditional manner. This has a modern single light casement window with transom at ground floor level with large panes and a single light casement in the gable end. This garden wing is attached to the main house via a single storey element under a steeply pitched gabled roof covered with red clay plain tiles. The sun room's roof also includes a gable facing north covered with red clay plain tiles.



Figure 4.53: Showing the western ground floor window.



Figure 4.54: Showing the cellar window.



Figure 4.55: Showing the front stack.



Figure 4.56: Showing the western front dormer.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—East Elevation

Eastern Elevation

At low level the elevation has a modern red brick plinth laid in stretcher bond. The bond is somewhat prosaic and the quality of the bricks commonplace. It is likely the plinth position has been set forward due to the external insulation cladding applied to the elevation. These works took place as part of the 1990s phase of works.

The elevation has been rendered and painted (cream). The windows match those installed on the front elevation and also date from the 1990s, which appear somewhat out of place on the vernacular building, and replaced historic casements as part of the 1990s phase of works.

The window positions across the elevation have been brought forward in relation to their original positions due to the external insulation cladding (Celotex) that was approved as part of the 1990s consent. The bringing forward of the window position and use of non-breathable Celotex are both considered to detract from significance. The windows each have lead lipped details above to shed rainwater.

A hipped dormer is shown on the 1890 drawing at Figure 4.1. A new 2-light casement window was installed in the 1990s to match those installed on the northern elevation.



Figure 4.57: Showing the northern and eastern elevations.



Figure 4.58: Showing the eastern elevation.



Figure 4.59: Showing the renewed canopy on the eastern elevation.



Figure 4.60: Showing the eastern doorway. Note the historic plank door.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—East Elevation

At the northern end of the kitchen cross wing is a notably historic 3 plank door, which appears to be 16th or 17th century. This has a semi-circular canopy above the doorway covered with rolled lead, which appears to be late 17th or 18th century in style, but was evidently renewed as part of the 1990s phase of works. As have the moulded timber brackets that support it. The front elevation's main entrance used to have a matching canopy and historic moulded brackets prior to the implementation of the 1993 consent. Above the door on the northern end of the kitchen cross wing is a unadorned fanlight. The door has an historic wrought iron Suffolk latch.

At ground floor level at the southern end of the kitchen cross wing is a large flat roofed rectangular bay window of 5-lights. Its roof is covered with rolled lead with periodic standing seams. It has a red brick plinth laid in stretcher bond and a good quality timber frame above. All these elements again date to the 1990s and replace a small 4-light casement.

At first floor level is a large irregularly shaped casement window of 8-lights, with a lower pane and transom in the centre 4-lights. The window is vernacular in character and matches the original window revealed internally as part of the 1990s phase of works.



Figure 4.61: Showing the dormer on the eastern hip of the main range's roof.

The roof above the kitchen cross wing is gabled and covered with red clay plain tiles. The rainwater goods are modern aluminium examples, that are sympathetic, but not of any heritage value. The guttering is attached to the rafter feet.



Figure 4.62: Showing the 1990s bay window at the southern end of the eastern elevation.



Figure 4.63: Showing the first floor southern window.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—South Elevation

Southern Elevation

Kitchen Cross Wing

As discussed, the kitchen cross wing was originally built as a single storey kitchen cross wing. The southern elevation of the kitchen cross wing is blind.

At low level the elevation has a modern red brick plinth laid in stretcher bond. The bond is somewhat prosaic and the quality of the bricks commonplace. It is likely the plinth position has been set forward due to the external insulation cladding applied to the elevation. These works took place as part of the 1990s phase of works.

Again the elevation above the plinth is rendered and painted (cream). The elevation is visually dominated by a large chimneystack, which tapers as it rises. The latter is an external red brick stack, tapering with crowsteps to the right hand side to conjoined diagonal shafts with a moulded base and oversailing cap, characteristic of 17th century stacks and appears to date to that period. This turned stack is evident in the 1890 drawing at Figure 4.1.

The chimneystack in the south-eastern range is external and would appear to have been added when this range was increased in height. However, if this



Figure 4.64: Showing the southern elevation.

range was built as a kitchen it would have needed a hearth. It may have had an external stack originally but could just as easily have had an open hearth and a louvre.



Figure 4.65: Showing the southern elevation of the kitchen cross wing.



Figure 4.66: Showing the uppermost part of the stack at the southern end of the kitchen cross wing.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—South Elevation

At low level the elevation has a modern red brick plinth laid in stretcher bond. The bond is somewhat prosaic and the quality of the bricks commonplace. It is likely the plinth position has been set forward due to the external insulation cladding applied to the elevation. These works took place as part of the 1990s phase of works.

Again the elevation above the plinth is rendered and painted (cream). At the southern end of the elevation at ground floor are a pair of good quality timber French doors installed in the 1990s of no heritage value. We know from the 1911 photograph at Figure 4.2 that there was no opening in this location at that time and a doorway was also not present in 1992-94 (see Figure 4.7). The same two historic images also show there were no dormers historically on the western roofslope of the kitchen cross wing at these times. As seen today there is a matching hipped dormer as that seen on the northern and eastern elevations including lead jambs and a modern 2-light timber casement. This dormer forms part of the 1990s phase of works.

There is a doorway at the northern end of the kitchen cross wing's western elevation, which used to provide access to the mid-late 20th century small infill extension (the latter detracted from significance and has since been removed).



Figure 4.67: Showing the western elevation of the kitchen cross wing.

An external west doorway into the western elevation of the kitchen cross wing is visible on an historic photograph from 1911 (see Figure 4.3), at which point there was no infill between the kitchen cross wing and the stair wing. The RCHM report of 1994 comments that this doorway may have been the historic access point to the kitchen cross wing. Furthermore, along with a corresponding external doorway on the eastern elevation of the kitchen cross wing, it may indicate an original open passage between the detached kitchen cross wing and the main range (i.e. that the kitchen cross wing was detached from the main range). Such instances were not uncommon in the Tudor period due to the threat of fire. As such, this east-west movement route, and the external access into the kitchen cross wing from the west, are of some considerable historical significance. The present door on the western elevation is a good quality modern ledged boarded door.

At the northern end of the kitchen cross wing are a pair of single light windows inserted in the 1990s phase of works



Figure 4.68: Showing the French windows installed on the western elevation of the kitchen cross wing.



Figure 4.69: Showing the first floor windows at the northern end of the kitchen cross wing.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—South Elevation

between the historic timber frame members (visible internally).

The two southern wings (which create the 'F' shape plan) appear joined together for the first time on the 1981 OS map (see Figure 3.5). This appears to confirm the presence at that time of the single storey glass infill, visible in the Historic England photograph at Figure 4.7.

Main Range

At the eastern end of the main range's ground floor is a modern 2-light timber casement with transom. The RCHM report mentions that the stair wing covers the western light of an historic 17th century 3-light casement window, which is a crucial dating tool confirming that the stair wing is later than the main wing. The modern 2-light casement set in front of it dates from the 1990s and again has been set forward from the window opening's original position due to the installation of external cladding to the building, expanding the latter's proportions. The window has a lead lipped detail above to shed rainwater.

The 1911 historic photo at Figure 4.2 shows that there was no window at first floor at that time. The present first floor window above matches that at ground floor and also dates to the 1990s. The window has a lead lipped detail above to shed rainwater. An



Figure 4.70: Showing the southern elevation of the main range and the sun room.

historic 4-light window is present in this location internally and was evidently concealed externally in the 1911 photograph. One of the historic lights of the 4-light window is set behind the eaves of the kitchen cross wing and this also confirms that there was an open passage between the kitchen cross wing and the main range originally. Another light of the 4-light window is set behind the stair wing, confirming that the latter is later than the main range.



Figure 4.71: Showing the eastern ground floor window on the main range.



Figure 4.72: Showing the first floor window at the eastern end of the main range.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—South Elevation

Further west is the historic rear stair wing projection. The red brick plinth has been rebuilt at low level in stretcher bond with modern bricks. Above the stair core is rendered and painted (cream). At first floor level is a 4-light timber casement, with the central 2-lights only having two panes and a transom. We know from the 1911 photograph at Figure 4.3 that the present window is not historic. Nor was it present in 1992-94 (see Figure 4.7). The stair core has a gabled roof above, which is jettied slightly from the stair core's southern elevation. The bressummer of the oversailing element is notably historic and moulded. The jettied gable is supported by two wooden brackets, each carved into a satyr playing a pipe. The wooden rail above the window bears the inscription 'SO GOD MAY STILL ME BLESSE, I CARE THE LESSE, LET ENVY SAY HER WORST, AND AFTER BURST', along with the initials 'W. L.' and the date '1624', which may represent the (re)building of the main hall. Whatever the case, the RCHM report of 1994 concluded that the inscription has been re-sited, and does not (in all probability) reflect the date of construction of the stair wing. The stair core's gable has plain timber bargeboards. Its gabled roof has red clay plain tiles and red clay ridge tiles.

On the western and eastern elevations of the stair wing is a 16th or 17th



Figure 4.73: Showing the stair wing.

century dentilled timber cornice at eaves level.



Figure 4.74: Showing dentilled cornice on the western elevation of the stair wing. Note the carved satyr.



Figure 4.75: Showing the inscription above the first floor window on the stair wing.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—South Elevation

The window positions across the elevation have been brought forward in relation to their original positions due to the external insulation cladding (Celotex) that was approved as part of the 1990s consent. The bringing forward of the window position and use of non-breathable Celotex are both considered to detract from significance.

At the western end of the main range's ground floor are a pair of modern single glazed French windows. These were not present in 1992-94 as confirmed at Figure 4.7 where a wider window is shown in this location. The existing doors are therefore considered of no heritage value. The same photograph shows no window at first floor above and the RCHM report found no evidence of a window in this location historically. The present window at first floor is a good quality 5-light timber casement with transom, which approximately copies the style of the window previously concealed in the western gable end until the 1990s phase of works.

The only part of the main range's plinth that is historic is either side of the modern French doors. That said these bricks appear to be a mixture of some modern bricks, some 19th century brickwork and many are cracked. None of these bricks appear to be pre-19th century.



Figure 4.76: Showing the ground window serving the cellar stairs.



Figure 4.77: Showing the plinth brickwork east of the French windows.



Figure 4.78: Showing the French doors on the southern elevation of the main range.



Figure 4.79: Showing the first floor window on the main range.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—South Elevation

West of the stair wing is a modern timber casement window installed as part of the 1990s phase of works. This is larger than the window shown at Figure 4.3 dating from 1911. The window serves the cellar staircase and has a lead lipped detail above to shed rainwater.

At roof level is a conservation rooflight installed as part of the 1990s works. The rainwater goods are modern aluminium examples, that are sympathetic, but not of any heritage value. The guttering is attached to the rafter feet.

Sun Room

Connected to the western elevation of the main range is the aforementioned sun room. This has a short connecting element and then returns to be orientated north-south.

The sun room is a high quality contemporary addition dating from the early 2000s including later alterations approved Application Reference: 00/00847/1LB. The sun room blends timber framing as a nod to the construction method of the main house, gabled roofs covered with red clay plain tiles (again to match the host building), and contemporary elements such as large (double glazed) glass panes between the timber members. There are also occasional elements clad



Figure 4.80: Showing the conservation rooflight on the main range's southern roofslope.



Figure 4.81: Showing the corniced stack in the centre of the main range's roof.



Figure 4.82: Showing the eastern return elevation of the sun room.



Figure 4.83: Showing the southern elevation of the sun room.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Main House—South Elevation

with timber weatherboarding hung horizontally and painted black in the traditional manner. The timber framing has braces and pegged joints. At low level is a red brick plinth laid in English bond. The existing door on the eastern return elevation and the pair of glazed doors on the southern elevation date from the 1990s, are formed of timber and are double glazed.

Western Elevation

Main Range

This elevation abuts the sun room and has no external elements.

The western roofslope of the main range has a matching hipped dormer covered with red clay plain tiles. The dormer has a modern 2-light timber casement of no heritage value. All these elements date from the 1990s phase of works.

Sun Room

The western elevation is entirely clad with horizontal timber weatherboarding coated black in the traditional manner. The rainwater goods are sympathetic aluminium examples of no heritage value.



Figure 4.84: Showing the dormer on the main range's western roofslope.



Figure 4.85: Showing the western and southern elevations of the sun room.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Lobby

Ground Floor

Lobby

As seen today the c. 1600 foliated spandrelled doorframe faces northwards. We can see from Figure 4.5 that this doorframe was not present externally in 1992, although strangely the RCHM describes its existence. It may have been located on the doorway into the dining room at that time (unsubstantiated). In any event the 3-plank door dating from the 16th or 17th century survives and currently serves the doorway into the dining room. This 3-plank door is shown on 1992 historic photograph at Figure 4.5 of the front entrance. This door has diagonal oak planks on its internal side (used from the mid-17th century on some internal doors—Period Fixtures and Fittings 1300-1900).

The main entrance doorway provides access into an internal lobby against the northern side of the chimneystack from which doorways lead into the hall/dining room in the centre of the range and parlour/sitting room in the western room.

The RCHM report suggests that the present front doorway position does not match the historic entrance position (see Figure 4.28). The RCHM report suggests that from an analysis of the timber framing and evidence of



Figure 4.86: Showing the c. 1600 doorframe for the main entrance.



Figure 4.88: Showing the historic 3-plank door that once served the front entrance and today serves the doorway from the dining room into the lobby.



Figure 4.87: Showing the chimneybreast that lies opposite the main entrance.



Figure 4.89: Showing the historic remnants of strap hinges on the dining room side of the 3-plank door.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Lobby

previous joints, the doorway appears to have been located marginally further east historically.

The floor of the lobby area has modern narrow floorboards of no heritage value.

The door architrave on the lobby side of the doorway from the lobby into the sitting room is a modern timber example fitted in the 1900s phase of works, of no heritage value. The same is true for the lobby side of the doorway from the lobby into the dining room.

On the western side of the lobby the bressummer for the sitting room fireplace is visible. This is broadly aligned with the wall between the sitting room and the lobby. The position of this in relation to the current fireplace chimneypiece in the sitting room shows how far the panelling on the eastern wall of the sitting room has brought the chimneypiece forward into the room.



Figure 4.90: Showing an historic bolt and Suffolk latch on the dining room side of the 3-plank door.



Figure 4.91: Showing the doorway from the lobby into the sitting room.



Figure 4.92: Showing the sitting room fireplace's bressummer as seen from the lobby.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Sitting Rm

Sitting Room

Figure 4.11 shows the 18th century cupboard in the south-western corner of the room in 1992. Today, the cupboard is found in the north-western side of the room and was evidently relocated as part of the 1990s phase of works to facilitate a new doorway from the sitting room into the sun room.

The historic corner cupboard retains its 18th century H-hinges. Figure 4.11 and Figure 4.12 show that the remainder of the room had no panelling at that time. Therefore the floor to ceiling wall panelling in this room today dates to since that time. The modern panelling reduces the legibility of the original room proportions in particular around the fireplace, where the panelling is set forward 200-300mm from the wall. The modern panelling is considered to detract from significance.

In 1992 the room had two doors on the eastern wall, the southern one being into a cupboard. As seen today a cupboard now projects into the room in front of this southern doorway and blurs the legibility of the historic plan form, detracting from significance. This modern cupboard door is set further south than the historic example shown at Figure 4.11.

The room has been fitted with generic solid wood modern narrow floorboards of no heritage value.



Figure 4.93: Showing the sitting room looking north.



Figure 4.94: Showing the sitting room's fireplace and built-in modern cupboard in the south-eastern corner.



Figure 4.95: Showing the sitting room looking south.



Figure 4.96: Showing the sitting room looking west.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Sitting Rm

The ceiling has historic ovolo moulded beams, which date from the 17th century. We can see that a strengthening steel has been installed to the beam adjoining the fireplace. This was not visible in the 1992 photograph at Figure 4.12 and seemingly dates to the 1990s phase of works.

The narrow fireplace shown at Figure 4.12 of no heritage value was removed as part of the 1990s consent and widened. The chimneypiece is a modern addition since 1992 of no heritage value. The current fireplace has a reclaimed red brick hearth, a modern timber Classical inspired chimneypiece (of non specific order) and of no heritage value. The fireplace has been fitted with a modern wood burner.

The 18th century 2-panelled door shown at Figure 4.12 survives. It is not clear if the historic architrave shown at Figure 4.12 survives behind the floor-to-ceiling panelling.

The room has been fitted with lengths of modern timber oversized cornice around the perimeter of much of the room. We know from Figure 4.11 and Figure 4.12 that the room contained no cornices historically and the horizontal detail meeting the ceiling beam above the fireplace in Figure 4.11 is likely a further ceiling beam. The current



Figure 4.97: Showing the historic 5-light window on the western wall of the sitting room.



Figure 4.99: Showing one ovolo moulded ceiling beam.

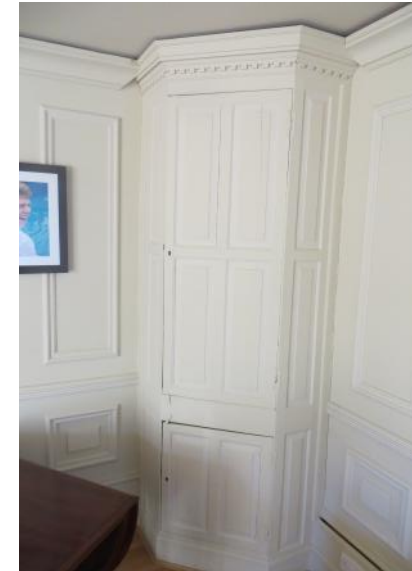


Figure 4.98: Showing the historic corner cupboard in the north-western corner of the room.



Figure 4.100: Showing a length of modern cornice.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Dining Rm

cornices are considered of no heritage value.

On the western wall of the room is a 17th century 5-light casement with transom and leaded lights. Some of the mullions have evidently been replaced as part of the 1990s phase of work.

Dining Room

The ceiling beams have historic ovolo mouldings, which date from the 17th century. The fireplace has a strapwork-decorated bressummer and a gadrooned mantle shelf on moulded brackets. The bressummer is chamfered and stopped with label stops. These features appear to date from the 1624 phase of works. The ledges and seats and a spice cupboard that date to the 17th century survive within the inglenook fireplace.

The room has been fitted with generic solid wood modern narrow floorboards of no heritage value.

Figure 4.103 shows that the stair wing partially blocks the 3-light window on the southern elevation within this room. As discussed this shows that the c. 1700 stair wing is later than the main range.

In the area south of the stack is a 18th century 2-panel door that provides access to the cellar below the ground floor western room.



Figure 4.101: Showing the dining room looking south.



Figure 4.102: Showing the dining room looking west.



Figure 4.103: Showing the dining room doorway leading to the stair wing. Also showing the historic 3-light window, with one light blocked by the stair wing.



Figure 4.104: Showing the dining room's historic fireplace bressummer on the western wall of the room.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Dining Rm

Adjacent to the cellar steps, in the south wall of the dining room an opening leads into the stair wing.

The room has been fitted with modern timber oversized cornices around the perimeter of much of the room. We know from Figure 4.9 and Figure 4.10 that the room contained no cornices historically and the horizontal detail meeting the ceiling beam above the fireplace is likely a further ceiling beam. The current cornices are considered of no heritage value.

The arch supporting the hearth above in the north-eastern bedroom has been shortened as can be seen by comparing Figures 4.105 and 4.9.

The ceiling has been overboarded or built up so that it is lower in height compared to Figure 4.9 from 1992. This makes the ovolo moulded beams less prominent and therefore detracts from significance.

Figure 4.9 also confirms that there was historically a 2-panelled 18th century door in the doorway from the dining room to the lobby.

A further 18th century 2-panel door survives in the doorway from the dining room into the Utility Room.

All doorway architraves in the room are modern timber architraves from the 1990s phase of work with ovolo mouldings.



Figure 4.105: Showing the trimmed fireplace arch above the dining room fireplace.

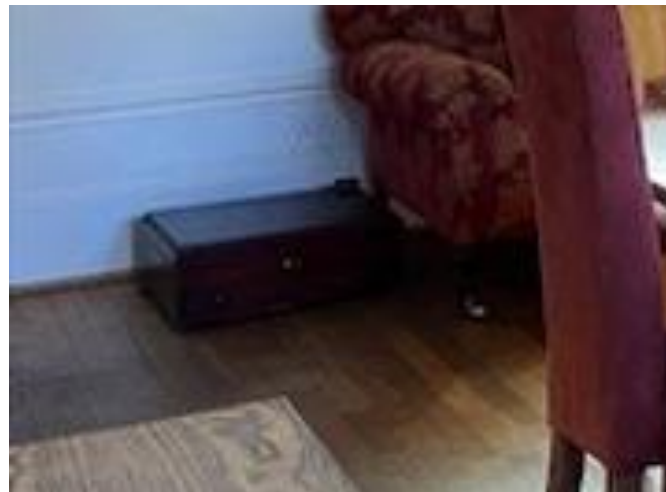


Figure 4.107: Showing the tall skirting boards fitted around some parts of the room.



Figure 4.106: Showing the doorway from the dining room into the lobby.



Figure 4.108: Showing the doorway to the cellar.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Basement—Cellar

The room has modern overly tall timber skirting boards fitted around some of the perimeter of the room. These appear to also be used as cabling and trunking routes.

Cellar

The cellar has clearly undergone substantial alterations in recent years, likely during the 1990s phase of work. The floor is concrete, there is a board encased steel beam supporting the ground floor sitting room, a new window has been created on the northern wall with modern red brick jambs and a concrete lintel above, and many of the cellar's walls have been rebuilt with modern red bricks.

Evidence of the former window on the western wall of the cellar remains and is currently used to route ducting from the sun room.

The steps from the cellar have historic red brick steps, which may have been rebuilt in the 1990s phase of works. The existing plan from 1992 at Figure 4.39 comments that these steps had bricks steps with rotten timber nosings at that time. These nosings have been replaced with concrete since that time, which is a low grade material and is also incompatible with the breathability required for historic buildings constructed of traditional materials. For these reasons the concrete detracts from significance.



Figure 4.109: Showing the cellar.



Figure 4.110: Showing the window jambs of the cellar window.



Figure 4.111: Showing the concrete beam in the cellar.



Figure 4.112: Showing the steps from the cellar to the ground floor.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Utility Rm

Some brick spalling was noted.

Utility Room

At present this room has been subdivided into two, which was not shown on the 1992 consented proposed plan (see Figure 4.40) or the 2022 consented proposed ground floor plan (see Figure 4.48). That said Figure 4.39 shows the existing floor plans for Application Reference: 92/00169/1LB), which shows that this room was subdivided into two rooms at that time, albeit with the wall in a slightly different position further south.

The ceiling has downlighters. As the ceiling appears to be formed of plasterboard no historic fabric has been lost in this installation. Both rooms have been fitted with built-in generic cabinetry of no heritage value. In addition the utility room has been fitted with a modern kitchenette and has various white goods, all of no heritage value.

The floor has modern ceramic tiles of no heritage value. It is not clear if a non-breathable screed has been laid below the tiles.

The western wall appears to be have boarded out with plasterboard.



Figure 4.113: Showing the utility room.



Figure 4.114: Showing the western and northern walls of the utility room.



Figure 4.115: Showing the kitchenette.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Kitchen

Kitchen

Figure 4.18 shows a 1992 photograph of the kitchen at that time. The historic fireplace on the southern wall has been obscured by the installation of the current modern kitchen, which detracts from significance.

The floor has been fitted with modern contemporary floor tiles. The modern fitted kitchen, which is contemporary in style, is high quality, but does not contribute towards the significance of the listed building. It is not clear if a non-breathable screed lies beneath these tiles.

The floor beam in this range, which runs east/west, is chamfered and stopped with short ogee stops which are possibly of early 16th century date. However, the beam may have been inserted to support the first floor above when the range was heightened in the 17th century. An historic jowled post supports the western end of this beam, with a further example lying in the dogleg staircase north of the kitchen.

These jowled posts imply that the south-eastern range is earlier than the main range, was a single storey originally and was later heightened.

At ground floor level, much of the east wall of this bay has been removed when a large rectangular bay window



Figure 4.116: Showing the view into the kitchen from the utility room.



Figure 4.118: Showing the southern jowled post on the left hand side.



Figure 4.117: Showing view across the kitchen looking south-west.



Figure 4.119: Showing the rectangular bay window on the eastern side of the kitchen.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Kitchen

was added after the approved 1990s scheme.

The historic open passage between the kitchen cross wing and the main range remains legible today by some surviving exposed historic timber members (see Figure 4.121).

The beam that adjoining the 1990s bay window on the eastern elevation of the kitchen cross wing is substantial. The RCHM report mentions that the beam has no mortices on its underside, confirming therefore that there historically have never been posts extending from the underside of the beam to the sole plate. Therefore from the date of this beam there has always been an opening here, albeit of different widths. This beam appears to date to the 17th century when the kitchen cross wing was heightened.



Figure 4.120: Showing the chamfered beam in the kitchen.

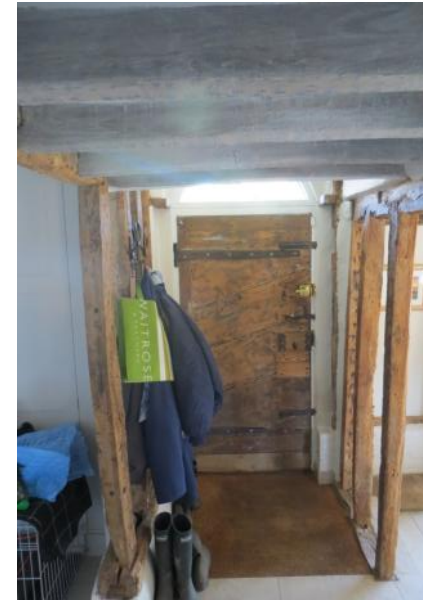


Figure 4.121: Showing the view towards the eastern doorway.



Figure 4.122: Showing the beam adjoining the bay window on the kitchen cross wing's eastern elevation.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Ground—Sun Room

The sun room was constructed following the 1993 consent with later alterations following approved Application Reference: 00/00847/1LB. It contains numerous hand made traditional timber members constructed in a traditional timber framed manner. The roof has a series of purlin trusses and all joints are pegged in the traditional manner.

The floor in the sun room comprises modern timber floorboards dating from c. 2000 of no heritage value.



Figure 4.123: Showing the interior of the sun room looking south.



Figure 4.124: Showing a typical purlin roof truss within the interior of the sun room.



Figure 4.125: Showing the ground floor office area within the sun room.



Figure 4.126: Showing a full height photograph of the sun room's interior.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Stair Wing

Stair Wing

As discussed the stair wing is believed to date to c. 1700.

The proposed plans from 1992 state that the treads and risers of the staircase would be replaced and the remainder of the staircase would be repaired. As seen today the newel posts and splat balusters have been replaced in recent years, perhaps these works took place in the 1990s as they appear the same age as the modern treads and risers.

The current staircase newel post and splat balusters do not accurately copy the historic example seen in the 1992 photograph at Figure 4.14. The present balusters and newel post are mediocre in the quality of their execution.

Numerous historic timber members are visible on the walls and roof structure of the stair wing.

Mortices on the underside of the main range's wallplate show that the stair wing is later than the main range.



Figure 4.127: Showing the stair wing as seen from the dining room.



Figure 4.128: Showing the new splat balusters in the stair wing.



Figure 4.129: Showing the first floor level of the stair wing.



Figure 4.130: Showing the historic rafters in the stair wing's roof.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—West Bedroom

First Floor

Western Bedroom

The historic bolection moulded chimneypiece and overmantel are part of the major refurbishment of around 1700. The 1992 photograph at Figure 4.15 shows the overmantel and cornice above the fireplace. Following approved opening up works it is clear that the bolection chimneypiece was brought forward to its current position in line with the 1990s floor to ceiling panelling.

A detailed drawing of the chimneypiece and overmantel was produced by the RCHM is provided at Figure 4.25. The fireplace also retains an 18th century hob grate.

The beams in this room are historic and have ovolo mouldings, which suggest a date of the 17th century.

The room has been fitted with modern timber floor-to-ceiling panelling of no heritage value. Figure 4.15 confirms that the panelling dates to post 1992 and is of no heritage value.

The room has been fitted with modern, good quality timber floorboards of no heritage value.

The doorway from the western bedroom to the corridor leading to the stair wing retains an 18th century 2-panelled door hung on wrought iron



Figure 4.131: Showing the eastern wall of the room.



Figure 4.132: Showing the western wall of the room.



Figure 4.133: Showing the window on the southern elevation.



Figure 4.134: Showing the doorway from the western bedroom into the bathroom at first floor level within the sun room.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—West Bedroom

strap hinges. It also retains an historic rim lock.

The floor level drops noticeably from the eastern side of the room to the western side (c. 150mm). There are no historic skirting boards, historic floorboards or historic door architraves in the room. The undulation in the floor levels is slightly precarious rather than charming.

The ceiling has downlighters. As the ceiling appears to be formed of plasterboard no historic fabric has been lost in this installation.

The doorway from the western bedroom to the dressing room retains an 18th century 2-panelled door hung on wrought iron strap hinges. It also retains an historic rim lock.

The skirting boards are generic low density timber fittings of no heritage value.



Figure 4.135: Showing the chimneypiece and hob grate.



Figure 4.136: Showing the historic ceiling beam and the modern downlighters.



Figure 4.137: Showing the doorway into the western bedroom from the corridor leading to the stair wing.



Figure 4.138: Showing the doorway into the dressing room adjoining the western bedroom.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—Dressing Rm

Dressing Room

The room was tightly packed with clothes on inspection and it was not possible to inspect the space fully. However, it appears to have no visible historic fabric, save for one historic timber frame rail on the northern wall. The RCHM comments about other historic timber members surviving in 1992, which presumably remains the case concealed behind plaster.

The 1992 existing first floor plan at Figure 4.39 shows a doorway from this room into the north-eastern bedroom at that time.



Figure 4.139: Showing the small dressing room adjoining the western bedroom.



Figure 4.140: Showing the historic timber rail/wallplate on the northern wall of the dressing room.



Figure 4.141: Showing the void between the chimneystack and the western wall of the dressing room.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—Corridor

First Floor Corridor

At the western end of the corridor is an 18th century 2-panelled door hung on wrought iron strap hinges. This door leads to the western loft staircase.

To the eastern side of the stair wing on the southern elevation, is an historic 4-light window that appears to date to at least the 17th century. The eastern and western lights are obscured. This historic window is retained and a 1990s 2-light timber casement with transom was installed in line with the enlarged proportions of the southern elevation once the external cladding was installed.

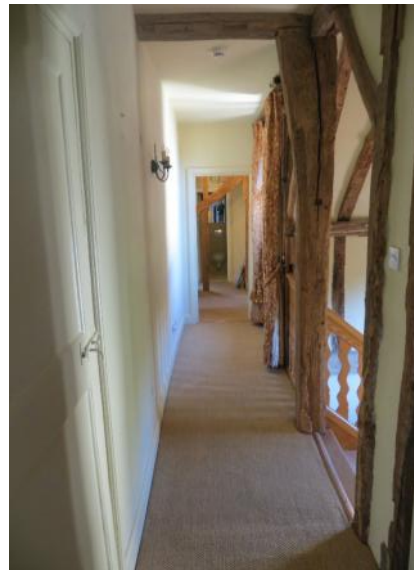


Figure 4.142: Showing the view along the corridor looking east.



Figure 4.143: Showing the doorway leading to the western loft attic staircase.



Figure 4.144: Showing the historic and modern casement windows east of the stair wing. Note the curtains conceal some of the windows.



Figure 4.145: Showing the eastern obscured light of the 17th century window.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—Corridor

An historic 18th century 2-panelled door survives adjoining this window. The architrave on both sides of the doorway is a modern plain timber architrave from the 1990s phase of works, of no heritage value. An historic rim lock survives on the eastern side of the door.

A modern plain timber door architrave into the north-eastern bedroom was also installed in the 1990s phase of works, of no heritage value. The door into the north-eastern bedroom is again 18th century 2-panel door. A modern door architrave and 18th century 2-panel door are also present for the door into the W.C. at the eastern end of the corridor.



Figure 4.146: Showing the 2-panelled door and doorway adjoining the 17th century 4-light window.



Figure 4.147: Showing the same door as seen at Figure 4.146 as shown from the opposing side.



Figure 4.148: Showing the doorway into the north-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.149: Showing the doorway into the first floor W.C.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—N/E Bedroom

North Eastern Bedroom

This room has similar 17th century ovolo moulded beams. However, the beam is off centre to the present room but central to the whole width of the range. This implies that the present south wall of the room is later. It is noticeable that the fireplace is central to the later room and therefore as the fireplace is part of the c. 1700 refurbishment, the southern wall is likely to be of a similar date.

Figure 4.16 shows a 1992 photograph of the room including its bolection moulded chimneypiece and overmantel. The room retains these elements. On the southern side of the chimneypiece is a small historic cupboard, which appears to provide access into the historic smoke hood, that predated the installation of the 18th century chimneypiece and overmantel. On the southern side of the western wall is a small 2-panelled door from approximately the 18th century that serves an understairs cupboard.

On the eastern side of the room are built-in wardrobes from the late 20th century of no heritage value.



Figure 4.150: Showing the western wall of the north-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.152: Showing the 18th century chimneypiece and overmantel.



Figure 4.151: Showing an historic ceiling beam in the room.



Figure 4.153: Showing the eastern wall of the north-eastern bedroom.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—N/E Bedroom

On the northern wall of the room one can see evidence of the upper lights of the former 17th century window that once served this room (see Figure 4.28 and Figure 4.154). The glazing bars have been removed as part of the 1990s phase of works and adapted to resemble the surrounding timber framing. The other side of the window is found within the shower room on the eastern side of the bedroom (see Figure 4.158).

An 18th century 2-panelled door serves the doorway into the shower room to the eastern side of the north-eastern bedroom. This doorway has an historic door architrave with ovolo profiles and the door is hung on historic wrought iron strap hinges.



Figure 4.154: Showing the northern wall of the north-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.155: Showing the southern wall of the north-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.156: Showing the 2-panelled door into the shower room to the eastern side of the north-eastern bedroom.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—N/E Shower Rm

North-Eastern Shower Room

This room has been fitted with a modern vanity unit, sink, shower screen, shower and ceramic tiles, all of no heritage value.

On the western side of the northern wall are two former lights belonging to part of the first floor eastern window on the front elevation (see Figure 4.158 and cross reference with Figure 4.28).

The door architrave on the shower room side of the doorway is a modern plain timber example and appears to date from the 1990s phase of work (of no heritage value).



Figure 4.157: Showing the northern wall of the shower room adjoining the north-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.159: Showing the doorway from the shower room adjoining the north-eastern bedroom into the north-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.158: Showing northern wall of the north-eastern shower room. Note the former window (part).



Figure 4.160: Showing the modern shower and shower screen.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—N/E Bathroom

North-Eastern Bathroom

This room has been fitted with modern sinks, bath and ceramic tiles all of no heritage value.

In the centre of the ceiling is an historic ceiling beam and part of the wallplate is visible on the eastern wall.

W.C.

The adjoining W.C. contains modern sanitary fittings of no heritage value.

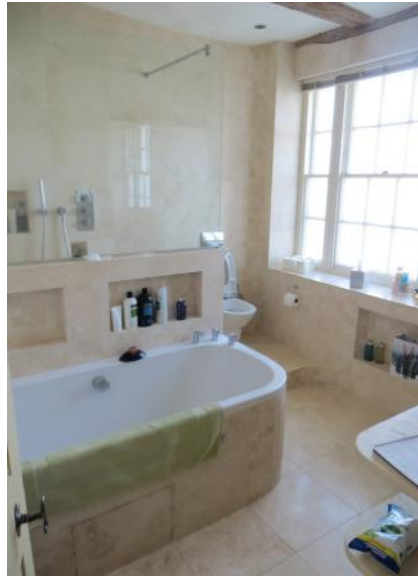


Figure 4.161: Showing the north-eastern bathroom.



Figure 4.162: Showing historic ceiling beam and part of the wallplate in the north-eastern bathroom.

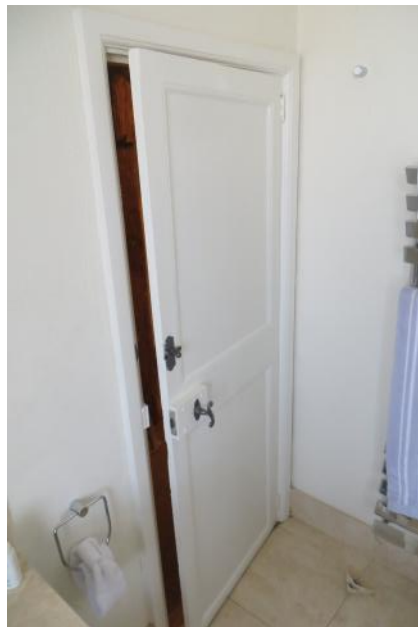


Figure 4.163: Showing the door into the north-eastern bathroom.

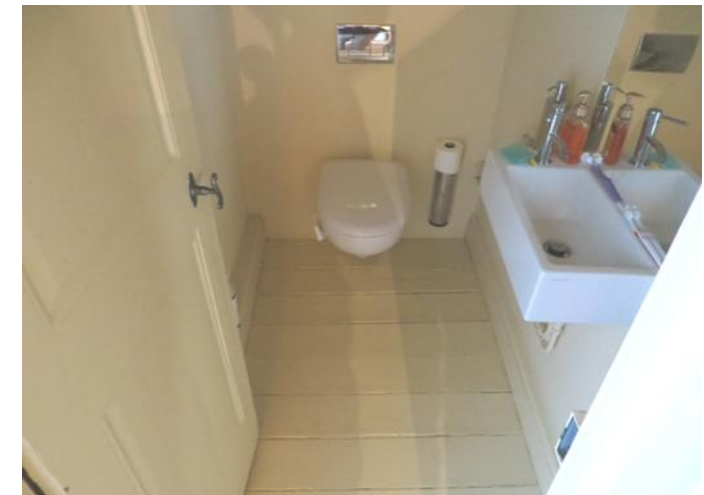


Figure 4.164: Showing the W.C. adjoining the north-eastern bathroom.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Gr/1st—S/E Staircase

Staircase Adjoining South-Eastern Bedroom

The historic staircase that leads from the former open passage at the northern end of the kitchen cross wing to the kitchen cross wing's first floor level survives. This has various parts of the historic timber frame exposed.

Adjoining the doorway at the northern end of the kitchen cross wing's western elevation is a jowl post, which indicates a 16th century date for the kitchen cross wing.



Figure 4.165: Showing the staircase from first floor down to ground floor level within the kitchen cross wing. Just visible at the base of the stairs is the doorway at the northern end of the kitchen cross wing's western elevation. Note the jowl post marked in green.



Figure 4.166: Showing the inner side of the northern doorway on the western elevation of the kitchen cross wing.

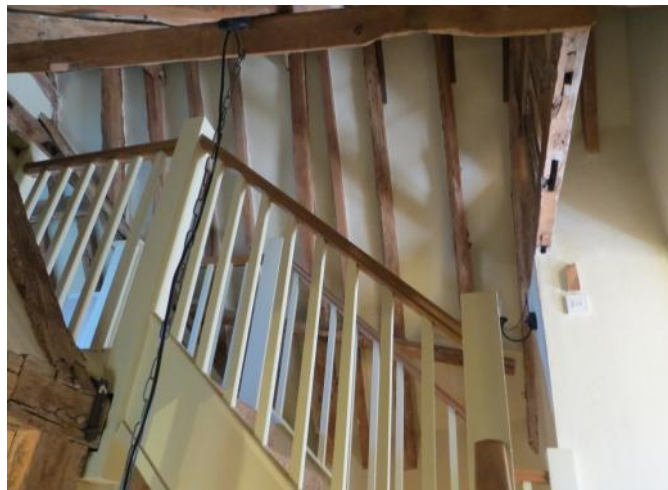


Figure 4.167: Showing the staircase that rises from first/loft landing level to the loft of the main range.



Figure 4.168: Showing the modern pair of single light windows inserted at first floor level adjoining the staircase.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—S/E Bedroom

South-Eastern Bedroom

Figure 4.19 and Figure 4.20 shows historic photographs from 1992 of this room.

In style the first floor fireplace, which is of brick with a chamfered, horseshoe shaped arch and run out stops, may be late-17th century and may date the heightening of this range. The fireplace appears to have been partially infilled and is slightly hollow when tapped.

The room retains many historic timber frame members visible around the perimeter of the wall and across its ceiling.



Figure 4.169: Showing the southern wall of the south-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.170: Showing the fireplace in the south-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.171: Showing the western wall of the south-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.172: Showing the northern wall of the south-eastern bedroom.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—S/E Bedroom

The eastern elevation retains its 17th century 8-light window, with the end pairs having single panes only. Again a modern facsimile window lies on the eastern (outer) side flush with the expanded proportions of the building once the external insulation cladding was installed in the 1990s.

The door into the room is a 3-plank door from the 16th or 17th century. This is hung on 19th century wrought iron strap hinges.

The western wall of the room has partnered timber frame posts indicating that the historic posts were considered not to be structurally sound.

The timbers used are not modern and this could be an historic repair. No works are noted of this nature on the 1990s consent and therefore these works are likely an historic repair.

On the northern wall of the room are modern built-in wardrobes of no heritage value.



Figure 4.173: Showing the eastern wall of the south-eastern bedroom.



Figure 4.175: Showing the western wall and one of its partnered posts.



Figure 4.174: Showing the 3-plank door into the room.



Figure 4.176: Showing the northern wall of the south-eastern bedroom.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—First—Main Bathroom

Main Bathroom Serving the Western Bedroom

The first floor of the sun room has been fitted with a modern bath, shower, sinks and ceramic tiles all of no heritage value.



Figure 4.177: Showing the sun room's first floor bathroom adjoining the western bedroom, looking east.



Figure 4.178: Showing the sun room's first floor bathroom adjoining the western bedroom, looking west.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Loft—S/E Staircase

At first/attic landing level is a former 16th century mullioned window. On page 7 of the RCHM it confirms that this window is not in its original position.

The former hipped roof structure of the south-eastern corner of the main range is also visible (see Figure 4.180), on the northern side of the former open passage.

The roof structure in this area has partnered rafters showing that the historic roof was potentially structurally weak and required reinforcement at that time.



Figure 4.179: Showing the 16th century window on the northern wall of the south-eastern bedroom at loft level.



Figure 4.180: Showing the former hipped roof at the south-eastern corner of the main range. Note the mortice holes.



Figure 4.181: Showing an incomplete purlin and the partnered rafter used in this part of the building.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Loft—S/E Bedroom

Second/Loft Floor

The 1992 consent approved the conversion of the loft space to a form additional bedrooms. No bathrooms/shower rooms were approved as part of that consent and none are present.

South-Eastern Bedroom

The RCHM report comments that the roof of this range is: “...probably 17th century and has clasped purlins. Clout nails were used to hold pads which help keep the purlins in place at the collars. Further evidence of the south eastern range having been heightened is that the rafters of the roof of the main range which are covered by the roof of the south east range are weathered, showing that they were once exposed to the elements”.

This room also has partnered rafters indicating structural works to strengthen the roof historically. The timbers used are not modern and this could be an historic repair. No works are noted of this nature on the 1990s consent and therefore these works are likely an historic repair.

The door into the room has a 4-plank door that appears to date from the 17th century. This is hung on modern strap hinges.



Figure 4.182: Showing the southern wall of the south-eastern bedroom at loft level.



Figure 4.184: Showing an historic plank door into the south-eastern bedroom at loft level.



Figure 4.183: Showing partnered rafters in the south-eastern bedroom at loft level.



Figure 4.185: Showing the chimneybreast on the western wall does not have a fireplace.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Loft—N/E Bedroom

North-Eastern Bedroom

The RCHM report comments that: *“The roof of the main range has butt purlins whilst that of the south eastern range, has clasped purlins. The main range is hipped but there is evidence that this was a later alterations, possibly part of the c. 1700 refurbishment. The butt purlins of the main range show evidence of continuing further at the eastern end, but has been cut short and the principals which form the hip are reused timbers. Those at the western end have been replaced by later additions inserted when the gables of the roof were altered to form hips. Much of this is held in place by clout nails rather than pegged tenons.”*

The roof structure in this part of the building is much damaged by woodworm, death watch beetle, has partnered rafters showing structural strengthening works historically and has been altered from a gabled roof to a hipped roof historically. It is therefore heavily altered and the most historic timbers are almost decorative with the structural role seemingly now performed by later timbers.

Between the western and north-eastern bedroom is a modern, sympathetic ledged boarded door.

The room has a built-in timber wardrobe of no heritage value.



Figure 4.186: Showing the north-eastern bedroom at loft level looking west.



Figure 4.188: Showing some partnered rafters in the south-eastern bedroom at loft level.



Figure 4.187: Showing the built-in cupboard in the north-eastern bedroom at loft level.



Figure 4.189: Showing the door between the western and north-eastern bedroom at loft level.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection March 25—Interior—Loft—West Bedroom

The RCHM comments that the partition which divides the attic rooms is of light studs and clout nailed, implying that it is 17th century in date. It bears the chalked signature of Josiah Brett.

Western Bedroom

The roof structure in this part of the building is much damaged by woodworm, death watch beetle, has partnered rafters showing structural strengthening works historically and has been altered from a gabled roof to a hipped roof historically. It is therefore heavily altered and the most historic timbers are now largely decorative, with the structural role perhaps now being performed by later timbers.

The room has a built-in timber wardrobe of no heritage value.

The eaves at low level have been boxed-out with modern plasterboard, of no heritage value.



Figure 4.190: Showing the western bedroom at loft level looking west.



Figure 4.192: Showing clout nailed timbers in the western bedroom's roof at loft level.



Figure 4.191: Showing the built-in cupboard in the western bedroom at loft level.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection May 25—Interior—Ground—Dining Rm

Photographs from the Strip Out Works in May 2025

In May 2025 we undertook a follow-up site inspection during strip out works at the building. These works had been approved under Application Reference: 25/00895/LBC.

Approval was given to remove the post 1994 cornices that were entirely faux, and were obscuring historic cornices behind. The wall composition between the dining room and the Utility Room was found to include plywood (of no heritage value) on the dining room side.

On the eastern wall of the room an original 17th century ceiling cornice was revealed.



Figure 4.193: Showing the dining room as seen from the lobby.



Figure 4.194: Showing the part of the historic cornice above and the modern cornice below (latter prior to removal).



Figure 4.195: Showing the after modern cornices had been removed from the western side of the room.



Figure 4.196: Showing an original 17th century cornice (marked in red) revealed.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection May 25—Interior—Ground—Sitting Rm

The Conservation Officer stated the 18th century corner cupboard must be retained in situ during the strip out works. The modern wall panelling elsewhere in the room had been approved for removal. A narrow strip was cut into the modern panelling adjacent to the historic corner cupboard to allow for the latter's retention. In the process it was revealed that the historic corner cupboard backed onto modern plywood.

Figure 4.11 shows the 18th century cupboard in the south-western corner of the room in 1992. Today, the cupboard is found in the north-western side of the room and was evidently relocated as part of the 1990s phase of works to facilitate a new doorway from the sitting room into the sun room. At that time the corner cupboard had seemingly been repositioned against modern plywood after the initial internal wall works had been completed.



Figure 4.197: Showing the historic corner cupboard in the sitting room. A channel was cut in the modern panelling alongside.



Figure 4.199: Showing the plywood and modern batten behind the historic corner cupboard.



Figure 4.198: Showing the plywood behind the historic corner cupboard.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection May 25—Interior—1st —West Bedroom

In the Western Bedroom at first floor level it was found that the 18th century chimneypiece had indeed been dismantled and moved forward as part of the modern fit out of the room in the early 21st century.

Screw holes were evident, which had been poorly covered with filler. However, the clear visibility of these screw holes allowed a relatively easy dismantling of the chimneypiece.

Inspecting the rear side of the chimneypiece, it was found that it had been secured to modern plywood and modern standard lengths of pine as part of the early 21st century works.



Figure 4.200: Showing the Western Bedroom's chimneypiece.



Figure 4.201: Showing the bolection moulding.



Figure 4.202: Showing a screw hole infilled with filler.



Figure 4.203: Showing the rear side of the chimneypiece.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection May 25—Interior—1st —West Bedroom

Figure 4.200 shows that inspection holes were made in the modern panelling above the chimneypiece to ascertain if the 18th century overmantel survived above. Figure 4.206 shows that it does.

Figure 4.207 shows the modern built-in wardrobe on the southern side of the chimneybreast. We can see that its rear wall is formed of plywood. Figure 4.209 shows that an historic wall lies behind this so only the modern wardrobe was removed.



Figure 4.204: Showing the modern fire surround in the original position of the 18th century chimneypiece.



Figure 4.205: Showing a close-up of Figure 4.204.



Figure 4.206: Showing part of the 18th century overmantel that survives behind the modern panelling.



Figure 4.207: Showing the modern built-in wardrobe on the southern side of the chimneybreast. We can see that its rear wall is formed of plywood.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection May 25—Interior—1st —Dressing Room

In the Western Bedroom's dressing room the wall that runs from the Western Bedroom's chimneybreast to the southern elevation was found to contain lime plaster. This indicates this is an historic wall and was present on the 1992 first floor plan shown at Figure 4.41. This wall was not therefore removed as part of the strip out works.



Figure 4.208: Showing the view within the Dressing Room towards the dividing wall behind the wardrobe shown in Figure 4.207.



Figure 4.209: Showing a close-up of Figure 4.208.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection July 25—Interior—Ground

Opening up works were undertaken on the wall between the Sitting Room and the cellar staircase wall. A historic lath and plaster wall was found.

Opening up works were also undertaken on the southern wall of the kitchen, on its western side. Historic studs were located, which form part of the original/historic timber frame of the building. Affixed to these were modern battens of no heritage value.



Figure 4.210: Showing the lath and plaster wall found on the wall between the Sitting Room and the cellar staircase wall.



Figure 4.211: Showing the lath and plaster shown in Figure 4.210 in detail.



Figure 4.212: Showing the historic timber frame studs revealed on the southern wall of the existing kitchen. Modern battens had been affixed to their northern sides.



Figure 4.213: Showing a close-up photograph of Figure 4.212.

4.0 Background Understanding of Site—Site Inspection July 25—Interior—1st —West Bedroom

We understand that opening up works below the existing modern floor in the first floor Western Bedroom revealed historic floorboards. These were of a consistent width, of 12.5cm. The consistent width of the floorboards and an actual width of 12.5cm suggests these floorboards are Victorian.



Figure 4.214: Showing the historic boards revealed below the modern floor in the first floor Western Bedroom.



Figure 4.215: Showing the location of the opening up works in the first floor Western Bedroom floor.

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5.1 Designated Heritage Assets

Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed)

Architectural Description

See Section 5.

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Architectural and Artistic Interest

Old Manor Farm was originally the manor house of the Burnel family, and subsequently became a farm house, being referred to variously as 'The Big House', 'Freeman's', and 'Old Manor Farm' historically.

The oldest part of the existing building is believed to be the south-eastern kitchen cross wing, which dates from 16th century. The main range likely dates to c. 1624 and is believed to have replaced an earlier range in this position. The house is a fine vernacular former manor house, later used as a farmhouse. Its vernacular construction consists of timber framing above a red brick plinth, and historically the elevations externally would have comprised infill panels formed of wattle and daub (or similar) and the elevations were then lime rendered. The house has an historic stair wing addition, which dates to approximately 1700.

A large proportion of the timber frame survives internally and externally, and is appreciable in many parts of the interior, albeit heavily damaged by historic woodworm and death watch beetle. The building was evidently in a pronounced state of disrepair in the early 1990s. As part of the 1993 consent various sizeable alterations were approved, which included replacing the historic front entrance with the current porch and entrance doors, replacing all the windows across the building, introducing dormer windows on various roofslopes (in addition to those already present on the eastern roofslope of the main range), the construction of a large rectangular bay window on the eastern elevation and a new doorway with French windows on the southern elevation of the main range and on the western elevation of the kitchen cross wing. These alterations were completed in a sympathetic manner, albeit they appear to have resulted in the loss of a reasonable degree of historic fabric.

The RCHM drawing at Figure 4.28 shows the report's opinion of what the front elevation of the building looked like in the 17th century. The north and east facades are regarded by the RCHM as the more important. Casement windows with transoms were present at that time, which would be entirely appropriate and in keeping with the style, and indeed sashes were not invented until the end of the 17th century. The remodelling of the front elevation and its roofslopes to being hipped likely occurred to affect a more Classical appearance.

The significance of the exterior has been notably eroded due to the window positions being brought forward in relation to their original positions as a result of the external insulation cladding (Celotex) that was approved as part of the 1993 consent. Celotex is not breathable and risk causing moisture becoming trapped adjoining the historic timber frame members and is therefore considered to detract from significance. It also has expanded the proportions of the building externally throughout and left any historic windows as internal decorative elements only.

Internally, the house still retains a large number of significant features, but has also been subject to much change since the 1993 consent. In particular the interior has extensive floor to ceiling panelling within the sitting room and the western bedroom and numerous modern built-in cupboards and wardrobes across the building. The underside of the roofs has been fitted with Celotex between the roof structure as part of the 1990s phase of works.

The principal areas of significance internally are the historic plan form, the exposed (and hidden) historic timber frame, the large fireplace in the dining room (with a stop chamfered lintel, mantelpiece with carved brackets and scrollwork, gadrooned cornice), the ovolo moulded beams in the sitting room, dining room, western bedroom and north-eastern bedroom, the bolection moulded chimneypiece and overmantel in the western bedroom; the corner cupboard in the sitting room, the chimneypiece and overmantel in the north-eastern bedroom, the 17th century fireplace in the south-eastern bedroom at first floor, and the ogee stop chamfered bearer beam in the kitchen cross wing.

The interior of the house shows a multitude of timber frame members historically severely affected by woodworm and death watch beetle. Some of these historic timbers have a telltale honeycomb appearance, are soft to the touch and some

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have a hollow sound when tapped. This explains the use of partnering timbers in numerous places to structurally strengthen the structure.

The sun room on the western side of the main range dates to the early 2000s including alterations approved Application Reference: 00/00847/1LB. The design of the sun room is not a facsimile of a former wing in this location. Indeed, a contemporary interpretation of a traditional vernacular barn design was employed for the sun room. The latter is considered of no heritage value. The interior of the sun room includes copious pegged timber frame members and is a good quality work of its time, but is not considered to contribute positively to the significance of the listed building.

The house is considered of special architectural interest.

The carved bressummer on the stair wing is considered of special artistic interest as is the adjoining carved pair of satyrs. The dining room's stop chamfered lintel, mantelpiece with carved brackets and scrollwork, gadrooned cornice; the ovolo moulded beams in the sitting room, dining room, western bedroom and in the north-eastern bedroom; the bolection moulded chimneypiece and overmantel in the western bedroom; the chimneypiece and overmantel in the north-eastern bedroom, and the ogee stop chamfered bearer beam in the kitchen cross wing all add to the special artistic interest.

Historic Interest

The building is of local historic interest as the manor house to the Burnel family, being the focal point for local village life, and local employment and typically owning much local land with most locals being tenants in one way or another to the manor. This central and powerful role of the former manor, gives the house important local historic interest. In time the house moved into farmhouse use, and was then the focal point at the centre of the farm, which managed many local fields and employed a small local workforce within the local area. This adds to its local historic interest. The house also is a key local building in aiding an understanding of the settlement's historical development.

Archaeological Interest

The building also has strong archaeological interest in having potential to reveal evidence of earlier buildings on-site.

Group Value

The building also has group value with the tithe barn and an aisled barn to the north and to the south-west of the Old Manor Farm House (all Grade II listed).

Considered as a group, the significance of the three separately listed converted barns and The Old Manor Farm House derives principally from:

- The architectural interest of the surviving historic buildings group of the 16th and 17th century manor house and the barns built over succeeding centuries;
- The historic interest of the group as expressing the development and function of a farmstead in this location at the south end of the settlement; and
- The historic associations of this farmstead with the Manor of Burnels and with the families who occupied the farm and progressively built the Manor House and its farm buildings.

Contribution of Setting to Significance

Old Manor Farm House's setting on the edge of the hamlet makes a secondary contribution to its significance. It historically had long-standing setting relationships to the listed former barns around it, but their separate ownership and conversion, and the subsequent growing of tall hedges between the properties, has somewhat diminished the ability to appreciate this relationship. Nonetheless the historic former ancillary buildings to the main farmhouse make a strong contribution to the listed building's setting. Old Manor Farm House has a former historical association and former functional link with these buildings as part of its later phase as a farmhouse as the focal point of a foldyard.

The sun room west of the historic core of the listed building makes reference to the traditional timber framing of the area. It makes a neutral contribution to Old Manor Farm House's significance via setting.

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Aisled Barn west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed)

Architectural Description

An 18th century timber framed barn built above a red brick plinth and clad in horizontal timber weatherboarding stained black in the traditional manner. The barn was not inspected at close quarters but it appears to have been clad in sympathetic modern weatherboarding, perhaps at the end of the 20th century as part of its conversion to residential use. The barn comprises three unequal bays, with the central one being the largest. Historic maps confirm that the northern bay used to abut a barn that lay approximately in the location of today's modern Lodge building. In addition it used to abut a further barn that ran south from the southern elevation of the aisled barn to the west of the main house to the northern bay of the aisled barn south west of the main house.

As seen today the barn has a large paned modern door on its western elevation, a 3-light timber casement and a 2-light timber casement. These all form part of the conversion of the barn to residential use after approved Application Reference: 92/01013/1LB. The building is single storey with the central bay being particularly lofty indicating the barn was likely originally a threshing barn. The list entry comments that the barn had large central paired doors at the date of listing in 1987. The roof is gabled and covered with red clay plain tiles. The list entry comments that the roof covering was corrugated iron at the date of the listing, which has evidently been replaced since with sympathetic clay tiles. The western side only appears to be aisled from a review of aerial photographs. The northern and southern bays of the barn are much lower, but have matching materials as the main barn.

The Historic England list entry states that a tie beam internally has the following inscription: 'P.H. 1795'. In addition that there are jowled posts with arched braces to tie beams and arcade plates, which have been renewed above the tie beams with angled struts to the principal rafters. The list entry dates to prior the conversion of the barn and therefore the interior may have been altered as part of the conversion works. Jowl posts approximately stopped being used around the start of the 17th century, which means the barn likely dates to the 16th century, albeit heavily altered in the early 1990s during its conversion to residential.

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Architectural and Artistic Interest

A vernacular timber framed barn from the 16th century, with alterations in the early-mid 20th century and again in the 1990s when it was converted to residential use. Vernacular construction is shown by the timber framed construction and the aisled construction in



Figure 5.1: Showing the aisled barn west of the Old Manor Farm House.

particular, of which surviving examples are relatively rare. The vernacular materials are also shown by the use of traditional weatherboarding, red clay tiles, and a red brick plinth. The principal element of significance is the age of the building. It is considered to be of special architectural interest.

Historic Interest

The barn is known today as the tythe barn, but there appears to be no evidence it served this function historically. It is more likely it was a threshing barn.

The building forms part of the foldyard buildings of the Old Manor Farm House and may well have performed an earlier ancillary function to the manor house, prior to the latter becoming a farmhouse. The building formed part of a group of farm buildings, which were the focal point of a farm that managed many of the

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local fields for centuries. It would have employed many locals to manage the land over many centuries. Accordingly it is of local historic interest.

Archaeological Interest

The building has the potential to retain remnants of earlier buildings within its core and therefore might potentially be of above ground archaeological interest.

Group Value

The building has group value with the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), the barn to the north of the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and the barn to the south-west of the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed). Indeed, the Historic England list entry comments that the building was listed for its group value with these buildings.

Contribution of Site to Significance via Setting

The northern elevation of the aisled barn overlooks in part the southern elevation of the Lodge. The two buildings are approximately 5m apart in this location. With this in mind the Site is considered to lie within the experiential, aesthetic and visual setting of the aisled barn.

The Lodge was constructed following approved Application Reference: 08/01800/1. It was built to a matching height as the former Old Dairy building, the latter forming part of the historic foldyard buildings, along with the separated listed aisled barns. To some extent, The Lodge could therefore be considered to still embody some features evocative of the Aisled Barn's older built surroundings, albeit the architectural treatment of the Lodge does not otherwise match that of the Old Dairy formerly on the Site.

The Lodge's footprint is approximately the same as the former Old Dairy's most historic portion. However, It was not built as a facsimile and is a modern building with contemporary design elements. The building itself does not contribute towards the significance of the listed building, however its design and material quality is high and therefore appropriate to new development introduced into the setting of a listed building. The footprint of the existing Lodge building approximately covers some of the footprint covered by the former Old Dairy, which indicates the latter's location prior to demolition. The Lodge therefore contributes towards significance via setting, but only to a negligible degree.

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Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed)

Architectural Description

An aisled barn again of three unequal bays with only the western side being aisled. The largest lies at the southern end and is a lofty barn suggesting it was once a threshing barn. It has a red brick plinth laid in English bond and has traditional black stained timber weatherboarding clad horizontally. The roof remains with a most unusual flat section at the rear (pseudo crown roof). The Historic England list entry from 1987 prior to the conversion of the barn comments: *“Corrugated sheet roofing rounded over ridge.”* Indeed, the Historic England archive photographs from 1992 (see Figure 4.9) show that the apex of the roof had already been rounded off by that time and possibly due to the roof ridge becoming rotten and the top of the roof squared off and new termination to the trusses introduced.

The sloping roofslopes are covered with red clay plain tiles. The western roofslope is littered with SVPs. There are several sympathetic conservation rooflights. The windows are a variety of single, 2-light, and 3-light modern casement windows. The middle bay historically was a cart shed, open on its eastern side towards the main house. At the date of listing this had a steeply pitched roof covered with corrugated iron, but today has a red clay plain tiled roof covering dating from the 1990s. The northern bay was yet lower and historically served as a cow shed and later as a piggery. Again this had a steeply pitched roof covered with corrugated iron, but today has a red clay plain tiled roof covering dating from the 1990s.

The Historic England list entry comments that the barn is 18th century. There are also jowled posts which might indicate an earlier core as late as the early 17th century.

Assessment of Significance

Architectural and Artistic Interest

A vernacular timber framed barn from the 18th century, perhaps with an earlier core, and much altered in the 1990s when it was converted to residential. Vernacular construction is shown by the timber framed construction and the aisled construction in particular, of which surviving examples are relatively rare. The vernacular materials are also shown by the use of traditional weatherboarding, red clay tiles, and a red brick plinth. The principal element of significance is the age of the building. It is considered to be of special architectural interest.



Figure 5.2: Showing the aisled barn and sheds south west of the Old Manor Farm House.

Historic Interest

The building forms part of the foldyard buildings of the Old Manor Farm House, which were the focal point of a farm that managed many of the local fields for centuries. It would have employed many locals to manage the land over many centuries. Accordingly it is of local historic interest.

Archaeological Interest

The building has the potential to retain remnants of earlier buildings within its core and therefore might potentially be of above ground archaeological interest.

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Group Value

The building has group value with the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), the barn to the north of the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and the barn to the west of the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed).

Contribution of Site to Significance via Setting

The Lodge's southern elevation lies approximately 35m to the north-east of the aisled barn and therefore lies in the wider experiential setting of the aisled barn. Due to intervening built form, tall fences and tall hedgerows, the Lodge does not lie in the aesthetic and visual setting of the aisled barn.

The Lodge was constructed following approved Application Reference: 08/01800/1. It was built to a matching height as the former Old Dairy building, the latter forming part of the historic foldyard buildings, along with the separated listed aisled barns. To some extent, The Lodge could therefore be considered to still embody some features evocative of the Aisled Barn's older built surroundings, albeit the architectural treatment of the Lodge does not otherwise match that of the Old Dairy formerly on the Site.

The Lodge's footprint is approximately the same as the former Old Dairy's most historic portion. However, It was not built as a facsimile and is a modern building with contemporary design elements. The building itself does not contribute towards the significance of the listed building, however its design and material quality is high and therefore appropriate to new development introduced into the setting of a listed building. The footprint of the existing Lodge building approximately covers some of the footprint covered by the former Old Dairy, which indicates the latter's location prior to demolition. The Lodge therefore contributes towards significance via setting, but only to a negligible degree.

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Aisled Barn about 20 metres north of the Old Manor house Farm (Grade II listed)

Architectural Description

The barn is not visible from the public highway or surrounding land. We have therefore relied upon the Historic England list entry description and the Move Market photograph at Figure 5.3 for the following description.

A former aisled barn dating from the 17th or 18th century. It was built above a red brick and flint plinth and is timber framed, and horizontally clad in timber weatherboarding stained black in the traditional manner. The north-eastern end has a steeply pitched half hipped roof, whilst the south-western end is gabled. The roof is covered with red clay plain tiles. The Historic England list entry confirms that the barn's roof was covered with corrugated iron in 1987 at the date of listing, but was evidently changed to tiles as part of the 1990s conversion to residential.

The barn is three bays in length internally and is aisled on both sides. There is monopitched roofed porch on the south-eastern elevation, which historically would have contained a pair of large doors. These have been replaced by a large 4-light window with transom as part of the 1990s conversion to residential.

Assessment of Significance

Architectural and Artistic Interest

A vernacular timber framed barn from the 17th or 18th century, and much altered in the 1990s conversion. Vernacular construction is shown by the timber framed construction and the aisled construction in particular, of which surviving examples are relatively rare. The vernacular materials are also shown by the use of traditional weatherboarding, red clay tiles, and a red brick plinth. The principal element of significance is the age of the building. It is considered to be of special architectural interest.

Historic Interest

The building forms part of the foldyard buildings of the Old Manor Farm House, which were the focal point of a farm that managed many of the local fields for centuries. It would have employed many locals to manage the land over many centuries. Accordingly it is of local historic interest.



Figure 5.3: Showing the aisled barn north of the Old Manor Farm House (Source: Move Market, n.d.).

Archaeological Interest

The building has the potential to retain remnants of earlier buildings within its core and therefore might potentially be of above ground archaeological interest.

Group Value

The building has group value with the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), the aisled barn to the south-west of the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and the barn to the west of the Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed). Indeed, the Historic England list entry comments that the building was listed for its group value with these buildings.

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Contribution of Site to Significance via Setting

The Lodge's eastern elevation lies approximately 15m to the west of the aisled barn's western elevation and therefore lies in the experiential setting of the aisled barn. Due to the tall hedgerows, there is no intervisibility at ground floor level. As the aisled barn is only single storey, the Lodge is considered not to lie in the aesthetic and visual setting of the aisled barn.

The Lodge was constructed following approved Application Reference: 08/01800/1. It was built to a matching height as the former Old Dairy building, the latter forming part of the historic foldyard buildings, along with the separated listed aisled barns. To some extent, The Lodge could therefore be considered to still embody some features evocative of the Aisled Barn's older built surroundings, albeit the architectural treatment of the Lodge does not otherwise match that of the Old Dairy formerly on the Site.

The Lodge's footprint is approximately the same as the former Old Dairy's most historic portion. However, It was not built as a facsimile and is a modern building with contemporary design elements. The building itself does not contribute towards the significance of the listed building, however its design and material quality is high and therefore appropriate to new development introduced into the setting of a listed building. The footprint of the existing Lodge building approximately covers some of the footprint covered by the former Old Dairy, which indicates the latter's location prior to demolition. The Lodge therefore contributes towards significance via setting, but only to a negligible degree.

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6.1 Scheme Overview

The scheme proposes the following principal elements:

EXTERNAL ITEMS

- Retrofitting of double glazed units to retained casement windows at ground and first floor levels.

Main Range

- French doors to be replaced on southern elevation of main range and existing French window opening to be enlarged;
- Ground floor windows on eastern elevation of the main range to be replaced;
- Ground floor windows on northern elevation of the main range to be replaced;
- Existing porch on northern elevation of the main range to be removed;
- New canopy over front door to match previous historic example;
- First floor windows on northern elevation of the main range to be replaced;
- First floor windows on eastern elevation of the main range to be replaced;
- Casement windows in front dormers on main range to be replaced;
- Casement window in dormer on eastern elevation of main range to be replaced.
- Casement in dormer window on western side of main range to be replaced;
- Installation of new stone steps adjoining the main entrance doorway; and
- Installation of new timber-framed bi-folding double-glazed doors in enlarged opening on the southern elevation of the main range.

Cross Wing

- Existing French doors on western elevation of cross wing to be replaced;

- Casement windows in bay window on the eastern elevation of the cross wing to be replaced;
- New window to be created on the southern elevation of the cross wing; and
- Casement window in dormer on western elevation of cross wing to be replaced.

Sun Room

- Replacement of windows on front elevation of sun room;
- Softwood cladding on sun room's southern and western elevations to be removed;
- Non structural oak framing on sun room's southern and eastern elevations to be removed;
- Two new rooflights to be created on sun room's roof;
- First floor window on northern elevation of sun room to be removed;
- New triple-glazed entrance door to be fitted on the northern elevation of the sun room;
- New vertical charred larch cladding to replace existing weatherboarding;
- New triple-glazed frameless glass sliding doors;
- New timber-framed double-glazed French doors in existing opening on western elevation of cross wing;
- New black powder coated square section steel guttering and concealed downpipes; and
- New air source heat pump on western side of Sun Room.

INTERNAL ITEMS

- Insulation of the interior between timber frame members;
- Paint the internal timber frame; and
- Replacement of the current main staircase.

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Main Range

Ground Floor

- Create of doorway from sitting room into cellar stairwell;
- Reconfiguration of wall between Utility Room and adjoining room;
- Repair of historic casement window with lozenge shaped leaded lights in dining room; and
- New timber flooring to be installed in dining room, entrance lobby and sitting room and installation of underfloor heating.

First Floor

- Western Bedroom floor at first floor to be levelled and installation of underfloor heating;
- Strengthening of beam in Western Bedroom;
- Repositioning of chimneypiece in first floor Western Bedroom;
- Installation of underfloor heating within the Eastern Bedroom floor at first floor;
- Creation of new doorway into first floor Eastern Bedroom;
- Breathable insulation proposed below all floors at first floor level;
- Relocation of doorway between first floor Western Bedroom and sun room; and
- Western Bedroom's Dressing room converted to a shower room and W.C..

Loft

- Creation of a W.C. and shower room in loft.

Cross Wing

- Removal of infill wall adjoining door on eastern elevation of the cross wing;
- Floor covering in existing kitchen to be replaced and underfloor heating installed;

- Existing brick surround on existing kitchen's fireplace to be repaired (subject to investigation); and
- Relocation of kitchen use into the existing sun room.

Sun Room

- Replacement of floors and substrate in sun room and installation of underfloor heating;
- Removal of ground floor ceiling and floor structure above in sun room; and
- New staircase within sun room from ground floor to first floor.

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6.2 Assessment of Potential Heritage Impacts

Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed)

EXTERNAL SCHEME ITEMS

Main Range

Removal of porch and front doors and reinstatement of traditional canopy

The historic front door was approved to be removed as part of the 1990s consent. This door appears to have been retained on-site and re-used in the doorway between the lobby and existing dining room. There were no spandrels shown on the 1992 historic photograph at Figure 4.5, but there are in the drawing of the same period at Figure 4.26. The RCHM mentions that the doorframe is 3-centred and has foliated spandrels. As the existing front elevation produced in 1992 at Figure 4.37 corroborates the square head opening with no spandrels it appears that the 3-centred detail and spandrels were located on the internal side of this doorway at the time. The scheme proposes the retention of the spandrels in their existing position.

The scheme proposes the reinstatement of the front entrance as it was before the 1990s phase of works (see Figure 4.5). Accordingly the existing gabled porch would be removed. A new segmental canopy covered with rolled lead matching the historic example shown at Figure 4.5 would be installed to match that seen on the eastern elevation. This would be supported on shaped oak brackets to match the historic examples supporting the canopy on the eastern elevation. Above the door would be a 3-light single glazed overlight.

The new door would comprise a new flush oak door, which would be fitted to the existing historic architrave. The latter, including its spandrels, would be retained. Reinstatement of the original front door currently fitted internally is not proposed as the door is in a fragile condition. The manufacture of a bespoke new front door of similar construction to the existing, consisting of diagonal oak planks (used from the mid-17th century on some internal doors (Period Fixtures and Fittings 1300-1900) on the internal side would be specially commissioned to fit to the existing oak frame.

Where the porch is to be removed the plinth would be repointed as needed with lime mortar (flush joints) and where needed bricks would be replaced with matching red bricks of same age, dimensions and composition as existing, laid in matching bond in lime mortar (flush joints).

The Pre-Application Response 24/02784/PREH stated: “... the removal of the non-original porch to the north elevation of Old Manor House and replaced with a more appropriate lead hooded porch is welcomed but again subject to a listed building application.”

This part of the scheme is considered a notable heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

New stone steps adjoining main entrance

New solid stone steps would be constructed in front of the revised entrance. These would be laid in lime mortar above a limecrete substrate. No concrete would be used.

This part of the scheme is a sympathetic addition and would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Ground floor windows on northern elevation of the main range to be replaced

We know from Figure 4.37 and 4.38 that all windows on the front elevation of the main range date to the mid 1990s following approval of Application Reference: 92/00169/1LB).

At ground floor level the windows comprise tripartite timber ‘6 over 6’ sash windows flanked by ‘2 over 2’ sashes. These windows are not vertically aligned with those seen at first floor level. Prior to their installation the building had casement windows, more in keeping with the style of the building. The window positions have been brought forward in relation to their original positions due to the external insulation cladding (Celotex) that was approved as part of the 1993 consent. The bringing forward of the window position is considered to detract from significance. The windows each have lead lipped details above to shed rainwater.

The scheme proposes the reinstatement of 3-light timber transomed casements to match those seen in Figure 4.4 (taken in 1992-94), other than the windows would be specified to be double glazed. This is appropriate given the climate emergency

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and Historic England's *Adapting Historic Buildings for Energy and Carbon Efficiency Historic England Advice Note 18 (HEAN 18)*. The latter states at Paragraph 82: *"Replacement of windows which do not contribute to the architectural or historic interest of a building with double-glazed windows of appropriate material and pattern, will generally be acceptable. Many historic buildings have windows which are relatively recent and do not contribute to a building's special interest. In such cases, their replacement with double-glazed windows of an appropriate material, glazing bar pattern and detailing is likely to either have a neutral impact or to enhance significance."*

The Pre-Application Response 24/02784/PREH stated: *"Replacement windows similar in design to the original windows (casements) would be considered favourably and again would be subject to submission of a listed building application."*

These windows would be far more in keeping than the existing sashes and would assimilate with the vernacular construction and style of the majority of the house. This part of the scheme is a notable heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

First floor windows on northern elevation of the main range to be replaced

See matching comments for the replacement of the ground floor windows on the northern elevation of the main range. This part of the scheme is a notable heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

Ground floor windows on eastern elevation of the main range to be replaced

See matching comments for the replacement of the ground floor windows on the northern elevation of the main range. This part of the scheme is a notable heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

First floor windows on eastern elevation of the main range to be replaced

See matching comments for the replacement of the ground floor windows on the northern elevation of the main range. This part of the scheme is a notable heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

Casement windows in front dormers on main range to be replaced

The roof also includes two hipped dormers from the 1990s, as discussed each with a modern 2-light timber casement of no heritage value. Their roofs are covered

with red clay plain tiles and red clay hip tiles. The dormer jambs are rolled lead.

The scheme proposes the replacement of the existing hinged casement element of the windows like-for-like as they have reached the end of their lifespan, other than the windows would be specified to be double glazed.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Casement window in dormer on eastern elevation of main range to be replaced

Please see matching comments for the replacement of the hinged casement windows in the northern elevation's dormer windows.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Casement window in dormer on western side of main range to be replaced

Please see matching comments for the replacement of the hinged casement windows in the northern elevation's dormer windows.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Retrofitting of double glazed on those casement windows to be retained

The existing external casement windows date to the 1990s phase of works and are good quality installation of their time, but of no heritage value. As discussed above, these windows were installed on the new external wall plane, which is set slightly further out from the original wall planes (making the building envelope larger), because of the installation of external insulation around the building. Where historic casement windows survive internally (e.g. see Figure 4.144) on the original wall planes, these would be retained and would not be affected by this element of the scheme.

Where existing casement windows dating from the 1990s are to be retained, these would be altered to accommodate new thicker double-glazing. The relevant casement windows would be retrofitted with double glazed panes, and slender glazing bars would be bonded to the glass and narrow lead strips added to the 4mm cavity.

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This part of the scheme is a sympathetic upgrading of the existing modern casement windows, of no heritage value and would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

French doors to be replaced with bifold doors on southern elevation of main range and existing French window opening to be enlarged

At the western end of the main range's ground floor are a pair of modern single glazed French windows. These were not present in 1992-94 as confirmed at Figure 4.7 where a wider window is shown in this location. The existing doors are therefore considered of no heritage value. The only part of the main range's plinth that is historic is either side of the modern French doors. That said these bricks appear to be a mixture of some modern bricks, some 19th century brickwork and many are cracked. None of these bricks appear to be pre-19th century.

The scheme proposes the replacement of the current French windows with larger timber 3-light bi-fold doors. These would be timber framed, double glazed and would have a 3-light appearance to partially resemble the 3-light casement window that was previously in this location. The DAS contains a photograph at Page 9 of recent studs that lie east of the existing French windows, showing that these studs form part of the 1990s phase of works.

As the previous window was taller, and wider than the existing French door, there would be no loss of historic fabric, save for at low level on the plinth. That said these bricks appear to be a mixture of some modern bricks, some 19th century brickwork and many are cracked. On this basis a minor degree of harm to the significance of the listed building is acknowledged, falling within the 'less than substantial harm' bracket at the negligible end of the bracket.

Cross Wing

Existing French doors on western elevation of cross wing to be replaced

At the southern end of the elevation at ground floor are a pair of good quality timber French doors installed in the 1990s of no heritage value. We know from the 1911 photograph at Figure 4.2 that there was no opening in this location at that time and a doorway was also not present in 1992-94 (see Figure 4.7). No historic fabric would therefore be lost here.

The scheme proposes the replacement of the existing doors with new timber framed, double glazed French doors. This part of the scheme would have a neutral

impact on the significance of the listed building.

Casement window in dormer on western elevation of cross wing to be replaced

Please see matching comments for the replacement of the hinged casement windows in the northern elevation's dormer windows.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Existing casement windows in bay window on the eastern elevation of the cross wing to be replaced

At ground floor level at the southern end of the cross wing's eastern elevation is a large flat roofed rectangular bay window of 5-lights. Its roof is covered with rolled lead with periodic standing seams. It has a red brick plinth laid in stretcher bond and a good quality timber frame above. All these elements again date to the 1990s and replaced a small 4-light casement.

The scheme proposes the replacement of the casement windows, like-for-like save for the replacements would be double glazed. The scheme proposes timber double glazed casements to fit the existing bay window with small panes.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

New window to be created on the southern elevation of the cross wing

Opening up works were undertaken on the southern wall of the kitchen, on its western side as shown at Figure 4.213. Historic studs were located, which form part of the original/historic timber frame of the building. Affixed to these were modern battens of no heritage value.

The scheme proposes the installation of a new glazed panels (double glazed) between the existing historic studs. This would create additional daylight for the Library/Study. Figure 4.213 suggests that there is no historic fabric between the historic studs, with only the externally clad insulation and render being visible. The inclusion of a window here would use the same approach seen at the northern end of the kitchen cross wing where there are a pair of single light windows inserted in the 1990s phase of works between the historic timber frame members (see Figure 4.69). No historic fabric would be lost in this scheme element.

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This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Sun Room

The sun room is high quality contemporary addition dating from the early 2000s with later alterations following approved Application Reference: 00/00847/1LB. The sun room blends timber framing as a nod to the construction method of the main house, gabled roofs covered with red clay plain tiles (again to match the host building), and contemporary elements such as large (double glazed) glass panes between the timber members. There are also occasional elements clad with timber weatherboarding hung horizontally and painted black in the traditional manner. The timber framing has braces and pegged joints. At low level is a red brick plinth laid in English bond. The existing door on the eastern return elevation and the pair of glazed doors on the southern elevation date from the early 2000s, are formed of timber and are double glazed. The sun room is considered of no heritage value.

Alterations to External Envelope

The scheme proposes numerous alterations to the sun room discussed below:

- The current ground floor 2-light fixed window on the northern elevation is nearly full height and would be replaced by a new triple glazed front door into the sun room;
- The first floor timber casement window on the northern elevation of sun room would be replaced with a triple glazed example;
- The weatherboarding on the western elevation and southern elevation would be removed and replaced with new vertical charred larch cladding. This would be a subtle change introducing a more contemporary character to the extension;
- The scheme proposes to revise the elevations to achieve a contemporary interpretation of a cart shed on its eastern elevation and a more subtly contemporary appearance on its southern elevation. The original design for the sun room approximately 25 years ago was based on a cart-barn typology. Reviewing the planning history for the subject building, this was the preference of Dudley Brown in Planning Control who made the comments regarding the 2000 scheme on 18th July 2000. With this in mind

the current scheme proposes the removal of any non-structural timber members in the southern and eastern elevations. These non-structural timber members would be replaced with new triple-glazed frameless glass and sliding doors;

- Two new rooflights would be created on the sun room's gabled roof. These would be specified to be flush with the roofslopes to reduce their visual impact. These would be formed of grey aluminium and would be a suitably good quality material for inclusion on a modern structure attached to the listed building. As the sun room's roof and its covering are modern there would be no loss of historic fabric from this scheme item;
- The southern gable end would be clad in matching vertical charred larch cladding; and
- The existing rainwater goods are sympathetic aluminium examples of no heritage value. These are proposed to be replaced with new black powder coated square section steel guttering and concealed downpipes.

These scheme items would not lead to the loss of any historic fabric. It would subtly remodel the turn of the 21st century sun room to have a more contemporary appearance, whilst at the same time retaining its timber framed construction. The proposed vertical larch cladding would evoke traditional weatherboarding. The well-considered design choices would mean the remodelled external envelope of the sun room would sit comfortably in close proximity to the historic part of the listed building.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

New air source heat pump to be installed adjoining the western elevation of the Sun Room

The scheme proposes the installation of an air source heat pump adjoining the western elevation of the sun room. This is on the opposing side of the sun room from the historic part of the listed building. The sun room as discussed dates from c. 2000 and is no heritage value and therefore abutting an air source heat pump, and routing of the associated services into the building, in this location is considered a well considered design selection. The air source heat pump would be

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installed within an acoustic enclosure and clad with charred larch to match that proposed for the southern and western elevations of the sun room.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

INTERNAL ITEMS

Insulation of the interior between timber frame

The scheme proposes to improve the thermal efficiency of the building by insulating internally between the timber frame members on the external walls. The timber frame of the building is externally clad with Celotex in the 1990s phase of works which is a non-breathable material and typically not considered appropriate according to best practice today. Removing the external cladding might be rather invasive and so the scheme proposes the introduction of a composite collection of insulating materials.

We understand that tests have been undertaken as part of the approved opening up works to establish if there is any interstitial condensation has been produced on the internal side of the external cladding and adjoining the historic timber members. We understanding these tests found no interstitial condensation.

Between the timber frame and on the internal side of the Celotex the scheme proposes Steico Flex wood fibre, wood wool board and 10mm of lime plaster. The walls would then be painted with distemper or limewash. All the materials proposed are breathable and Mike Wye Limited advises would not increase the likelihood of interstitial condensation.

The finished internal wall surface between the timber frame would be recessed marginally from the timber frame members' front edge and the latter would be left exposed to view.

This part of the scheme has been carefully detailed, would improve the thermal efficiency of the building, whilst not leading to the loss of any historic fabric, and would maintain the timber frame as the key visible characteristic of the interior.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Limewashing the internal timber frame

The omnipresent practice of painting internal, and typically external, beams black became typical in the Victorian period. External beams before that time might have been painted a different colour such as green or red or limewashed. It seems likely this was also the practice internally to some extent historically.

The scheme proposes limewashing the internal timber frame members to produce a lighter internal appearance to the rooms. As limewash is breathable, soluble and soft, its application would be reversible.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Installation of breathable insulation proposed below all first floor floors

New breathable insulation is proposed under the floor coverings at first floor level. The existing floor coverings in the first floor Western Bedroom and first floor Eastern Bedroom are already proposed to be removed as part of the scheme and before the new floor covering is installed, breathable insulation would be installed between the ground floor ceiling and the first floor floor. The insulation would be specified to be breathable to ensure that no moisture becomes trapped around the floor structure.

In the corridors, existing bathroom, shower room, W.C. and south-eastern bedroom at first floor level, the existing historic floorboards would be lifted to install the insulation. The boards would be numbered before lifting, the number marked on a plan to be kept on-site, the boards carefully lifted without breakage, stored on-site (not end on which might lead to breakage), and relaid in the existing positions using the current fixing method (e.g. surface nailed). No screws would be used.

No historic fabric would be lost through this scheme element and it would improve the thermal efficiency of the house. This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Main Range

Replacement of the current main staircase

As discussed the stair wing is believed to date to c. 1700. The proposed plans from 1992 state that the treads and risers of the staircase would be replaced and the

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remainder of the staircase would be repaired. As seen today the newel posts and splat balusters have been replaced in recent years, perhaps these works took place in the 1990s as they appear the same age as the modern treads and risers. The current staircase newel post and splat balusters do not accurately copy the historic example seen in the 1992 photograph at Figure 4.14. The present balusters and newel post are mediocre in the quality of their execution.

The scheme proposes the removal of the current staircase as this is not a historic installation, nor one that matches the previous historic staircase in this location. The scheme proposes the installation of a new staircase with a contemporary style. This would be independent staircase not structurally relying on the external walls of the stair core. The historic timber framed members and stair core walls would be left intact.

We understand that the Conservation Officer was supportive of a contemporary design for the replacement staircase. We understand that the new staircase would utilise the oak sections salvaged from the sun room to produce the treads, risers and the new staircase would be self supporting from a steel frame anchored to the existing concrete floor at the base of the staircase. Small gaps would be left between the lower edge of the risers and the upper edge of the treads to introduce a contemporary design. There would also be a gap between the end of the tread/riser and the stair core's historic walls. The new staircase would not therefore lead to the loss of historic fabric on the walls of the historic stair core.

The timber framed staircase with lime plastered walls would sit comfortably within the existing historic timber framed stair core.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Ground floor

Creation of doorway from sitting room into cellar stairwell

In 1992 the room had two doors on the eastern wall, the southern one being into a cupboard. As seen today a cupboard now projects into the room in front of this southern doorway and blurs the legibility of the historic plan form, detracting from significance. This modern cupboard door is set further south than the historic example shown at Figure 4.12.

The removal of the modern infill material that infilled the historic doorway seen at Figure 4.12 would not lead to the loss of any historic fabric. Further south the approved opening up works has revealed a wall consisting of lath and plaster. This would be removed to create the new corridor proposed between the proposed dining room and the proposed sitting room. To mitigate the impact the historic lime plaster would be retained and re-used on-site in the production of lime plaster needed for internal walls. This element would require the installation of an inlaid access hatch to maintain an access to the cellar.

This part of the scheme would cause a minor degree of harm to the significance of the listed building, falling within the 'less than substantial harm' range at the low end of the spectrum.

Removal of wall between Utility Room and adjoining room

At present this room has been subdivided into two, with the exact dividing wall position not shown on the 1992 consented proposed plan (see Figure 4.40) or the 2022 consented proposed ground floor plan (see Figure 4.48). That said Figure 4.39 shows the existing floor plans for Application Reference: 92/00169/1LB), which shows that this room was subdivided into two rooms at that time, albeit with the wall in a slightly different position further south.

The position of the existing dividing wall is therefore not historic. The scheme proposes the slightly reconfiguration of the room, so that the level of subdivision is approximately the same as the existing.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Removal of the infill wall adjoining door on eastern elevation of the cross wing

The modern infill material installed around the historic timber frame on the remaining part of the northern wall of the former hallway adjoining the cross wing's eastern external doorway is proposed to be removed. This appears to date to the 1990s phase of work and is of no heritage value. The historic timber studs and brick plinth at its base would be retained.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

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New timber flooring in dining room and sitting room, entrance lobby and installation of underfloor heating

These rooms have been fitted with generic solid wood modern narrow floorboards of no heritage value. The scheme proposes their removal and installation of high quality timber floorboards. Below the proposed engineered floorboards new underfloor heating would be installed. The floor levels in both rooms would remain the same as existing.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Repair of historic casement window with lozenge shaped leaded lights in dining room

The historic leaded light casement in the existing dining room has several broken glass panes, or quarries. A specialist window conservation repair firm would be instructed to repair the window, replacing the broken quarries within reclaimed glass of the same colour and opaqueness.

This part of the scheme is a heritage benefit that would sustain the significance of the listed building.

First floor

First floor Western bedroom's floor repairs

The existing floor sags by 150mm between the edge of the bedroom and its lowest point. This produces a floor that is bordering on dangerous, rather than a floor that has charm due to its undulations. We understand that the floor sags to such a degree due to significant deflection in the ceiling beam below. To enable this floor to be levelled timber furring pieces would be fitted to the existing joists.

The scheme proposes the repair of the ceiling beam from above, providing two potential repair options. The design team has not at the time of this report selected which route to opt for here and the applicant is happy for this element to be conditioned.

Assuming a suitable selection is made that resolves the underlying problem, whilst retaining as much historic fabric as possible, this part of the scheme would be a heritage benefit that would sustain the significance of the listed building.

Alterations to floor coverings in first floor Western Bedroom

Underfloor heating and new engineering floorboards are proposed. The Victorian floorboards in the room would be removed to facilitate these works so that the floor levels do not rise unduly. These Victorian floorboards, whilst historic, do not belong to an original or early phase of



Figure 6.1: Showing an example of the broken glass panes in the historic leaded light casement in the existing dining room.

alterations, or a notable phase of historic alterations. Care would be taken to retain the historic floor level adjoining the 18th century chimneypiece on the eastern side of the room.

Overall, noting the loss of some historic fabric that contributes to a low degree to significance, a minor degree of harm is acknowledged to the significance of the listed building, falling within the 'less than substantial harm' range at the lowest end of the spectrum.

Repositioning of chimneypiece in first floor Western Bedroom

The historic bolection moulded chimneypiece and overmantel are part of the major refurbishment of around 1700. The 1992 photograph at Figure 4.15 shows the overmantel and cornice above the fireplace. Following the approved opening up works it is clear that the bolection chimneypiece was brought forward to its current position in line with the 1990s floor to ceiling panelling.

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The scheme proposes the reinstatement of the chimneypiece in its original position directly below the overmantel of the same age. This part of the scheme is a notable heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

Creation of new doorway into first floor Eastern Bedroom

The scheme proposes the reinstatement of the doorway into the room to the position seen at Figure 4.39. The new traditional timber studs that are assumed to have been used to infill the doorway shown at Figure 4.39 would be reused to infill the current doorway. The remainder of the doorway would be infilled to match the existing.

The door into the north-eastern bedroom is again 18th century 2-panel door. This would be relocated to the new bedroom doorway as part of the scheme proposals.

This would reinstate historic plan form and is considered a heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

New doorway to be created between first floor Western Bedroom and sun room

The historic planning case file shows that the existing opening between the first floor Western Bedroom and the sun room's first floor was formed without disturbance to original timbers. In relation to Application Reference 00/00847/1LB, a letter to North Hertfordshire Council from the extension's Architect dated 7 August 2000, stated *"When the house was modernised, it was discovered that the wall studs at first floor level had been replaced in softwood, and therefore the suggested door can be inserted without any modification to the original frame."*

The proposed doorway would be located in the position of modern timber studs. The latter would be retained and reused in the infilling of the current doorway. The remainder of the wall either side would be infilled to match the existing either side.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

New level floor to be introduced in first floor Eastern Bedroom

As with the first floor Western Bedroom, the existing Victorian floorboards would be lifted to facilitate these works. To enable this floor to be level timber furring pieces would be fitted to the existing joists.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Alterations to floor coverings in first floor Eastern Bedroom

Please see matching comments for the first floor Western Bedroom regarding the removal of the existing historic floor boards, installation of underfloor heating and fitting of modern floorboards. Care would be taken to retain the historic floor level adjoining the 18th century chimneypiece on the western side of the room.

Notwithstanding this, a minor degree of harm is acknowledged to the significance of the listed building, falling within the 'less than substantial harm' range at the lowest end of the spectrum.

Dressing room adjoining Master Bedroom to be converted into a shower room

The scheme proposes the conversion of the existing dressing room to become a shower room. We can see that a bathroom was consented as part of the 1990s consent (see Figure 4.41). The change of use of the room is not therefore considered contentious. Figure 4.39 shows the existing first floor plan in 1992 and this shows a doorway from the current dressing room into the first floor Eastern Bedroom. The current scheme proposes an opening in this same location and therefore we know that the doorway infilled following the 1990s consent is only modern fabric dating from the 1990s onwards, and of no heritage value.

The scheme proposes the installation of a shower drum for this shower room within the first floor Eastern Bedroom. This drum would not rise full height so that it is reversible and the dimensions of the room can still be read. We also noted that no concerns were raised in the pre-application response of 4 March 2025 on this scheme item.

The shower drum walls would have timber studwork with lime plastered walls on the external side and be tiled on the internal side. Care would be taken to position the chimneybreast sufficiently far away from the 18th century chimneypiece in the first floor Eastern Bedroom to ensure no damage occurs to the chimneypiece in the installation of the shower drum.

To aid the ventilation of moisture produced by the shower, and associated high relative humidity that might lead to the disrepair of the historic timber frame members, a humidistat is proposed. This would have pipework that vents through the proposed half round ridge tiles at roof ridge level.

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Overall, the shower drum would appear somewhat incongruous given its shape and position within a bedroom, but its impact has been mitigated by the fact that it would be a reversible installation. A minor degree of harm is acknowledged here to the significance of the listed building, falling within the 'less than substantial harm' bracket at the negligible end of the spectrum.

Loft

Creation of a W.C. and shower room in loft

The 1990s consent approved the conversion of the loft space into additional bedrooms. The current scheme proposes the installation of a shower room and W.C. at loft level. The current plan form at loft level is not therefore historic and historically the loft was likely purely used for storage. The introduction of a W.C. and shower room into the loft, which would slightly increase the level of subdivision at loft level, is therefore considered to have a neutral impact.

To aid the ventilation of moisture produced by the shower, and associated high relative humidity that might lead to the disrepair of the historic timber frame members in the loft, a humidistat is proposed. This would have pipework that vents through the proposed half round ridge tiles at roof ridge level.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Cross Wing

Ground floor

Historic brick surround to existing kitchen's fireplace to be restored (subject to investigation)

The fireplace in this room historically was one of the focal elements of the room. This wing was constructed as the kitchen wing and the large external stack on its southern elevation is either original or an early alteration. The fireplace would historically have been utilised primarily for cooking. At present the fireplace is concealed by behind a range of modern built-in kitchen cupboards.

The scheme proposes the removal of the kitchen units, and the re-opening of the fireplace. This would reinstate the fireplace as the focal point of the room. No historic fabric would be lost.

This part of the scheme is considered a heritage benefit that would enhance the significance of the listed building.

Relocation of kitchen use into the existing sun room

The original use of the room from the 16th century onwards has been as the kitchen of the house. The scheme proposes relocation of the kitchen use to the modern 'sun room' western extension. There are no elements of the interior of the kitchen that indicate its historic use, as a fireplace was found in many reception rooms, hallways and service rooms at ground floor historically. However, the loss of the room's original and historic use is considered to cause a minor degree of harm to the significance of the listed building. That said, it is reversible and a future owner could potentially reinstate this room to being a kitchen once more. The harm to the significance of the listed building is considered to fall within the 'less than substantial harm' bracket at the very lowest end of the spectrum.

Replacement of floor in existing kitchen and installation of underfloor heating

The floor has been fitted with modern contemporary floor tiles of no heritage value. It is not clear if a non-breathable screed lies beneath these tiles.

The scheme proposes the removal of the current modern floor tiles. Care would be taken to ensure that a breathable substrate exists, and any impermeable substrate would be removed and replaced with limecrete. Underfloor heating would be installed and a new timber floor would be installed above.

No historic fabric would be lost and care has been taken to specify breathable materials. This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Sun Room

Replacement of floors and substrate in sun room and installation of underfloor heating

The floor in the sun room comprises modern timber floorboards dating from c. 2000 of no heritage value. The scheme proposes their removal. These would be replaced with a limecrete substrate to ensure a breathable substrate that would not lead to rising damp adjacent to the historic part of the listed building. Within the substrate underfloor heating would be installed to heat the room.

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The finished floor covering would be stone tiles. These would be a high quality, traditional floor covering suitable for inclusion within the listed building.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Removal of ground floor ceiling and floor structure above in sun room

The sun room at present comprises a ground floor reception room, an office and a first floor bathroom serving the first floor Western Bedroom. The scheme proposes that the sun room becomes the kitchen for the main house, with an internal staircase rising to first floor level providing access to the first floor Western Bedroom. The scheme therefore proposes the removal of the ground floor ceiling between the existing ground floor reception room and the first floor bathroom and associated floor structure. All these elements date to c. 2000 and are of no heritage value.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

New staircase within sun room from ground floor to first floor

The sun room forms part of the 1990s consent and is a sympathetic modern addition, but not one that is considered to contribute positively to the significance of the listed building. The scheme proposes the creation of a staircase from ground to first floor levels within this extension. The sun room is not considered sensitive to change, subject to good quality replacement design and good quality materials being used.

The new staircase would have a metal frame and have oak treads and risers with metal handrail. It would therefore be formed of high quality materials, designed in a subtle contemporary design to blend with the material used in the sun room currently.

This part of the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building.

Overall Assessment

The scheme has been assessed as having varying impacts. A large number of scheme items would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building. The following scheme items have been assessed as likely to cause harm to the significance of the listed building falling within the 'less than substantial harm' bracket between negligible and low end of the spectrum: the widening of the ground floor doorway on the southern elevation of the main range, the loss of the Victorian floorboards in the first floor Western Bedroom and in the first floor Eastern Bedroom, the loss of the kitchen use from the Cross Wing (to be relocated to the sun room) and the creation of the drum shower cubicle as part of the proposal to convert the dressing room adjoining Master Bedroom into a shower room. Cumulatively these scheme items would cause harm to the significance of the listed building falling within the 'less than substantial harm' bracket at the low end of the spectrum.

The scheme has also proposed numerous, weighty heritage benefits. These comprise: the removal of the porch and front doors and reinstatement of a traditional canopy on the front entrance, replacement of the ground floor windows on northern elevation of the main range with more sympathetic casement windows (same point for the first floor windows on the northern elevation of the main range, the ground floor windows on eastern elevation of the main range and the first floor windows on eastern elevation of the main range), repair of historic casement window with lozenge shaped leaded lights in the existing dining room, first floor Western Bedroom's floor repairs, repositioning of chimneypiece in the first floor Western Bedroom, creation of new doorway into the first floor Eastern Bedroom, and re-exposing and repair of the brick surround to the existing kitchen's fireplace.

When the heritage harm and heritage benefits that might arise from the scheme are borne in mind, overall when the scheme is taken as a whole, it is considered to marginally enhance the significance of the listed building.

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Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed)

A detailed Assessment of Impact has been undertaken for the Old Manor (Grade II listed) and won't be repeated here in full. Many points will be relevant here also, and below we discuss the most salient points to the listed building group.

The replacement of the existing sash windows with casement windows resembling the historic casements that existed historically at the subject listed building and reinstatement of a canopy to a pre-existing historic design once present at the subject building, would enhance the significance of the subject listed building. Given their listed building group's shared significance and group value with the subject building, these scheme items would enhance the significance of the listed building group via setting. All replacement windows and doors would be formed of timber and therefore would sit comfortably within the listed building group.

None of the proposed external scheme items would be visible from any of the listed building group. These scheme items would lie within close proximity to the listed building group. The proposed works to the sun room's external envelope would remodel it to take on a more contemporary appearance, whilst at the same time increasing its resemblance to a cart-shed. The proposed external materials would include charred larch clad vertically to mimic traditional weatherboarding often used on vernacular agricultural barns.

The scheme proposes the installation of an air source heat pump adjoining the western elevation of the sun room. The air source heat pump would be installed with an acoustic enclosure and clad with charred larch to match that proposed for the southern and western elevations of the sun room. The air source heat pump should not therefore be audible from any of the listed building group and would not be visible due to the intervening tall hedge and tree lines between the subject building and the surrounding listed buildings..

Overall, the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of the listed building group via setting.

6.3 Scheme Assessment Against Legislation and Policy

Legislation

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

In determining such applications the following duty is placed upon the decision maker: *"Section 16(2) In considering whether to grant listed building consent for any works the local planning authority, or as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses."*

We have assessed in this report that the scheme would, on balance, marginally enhance the significance of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed). The scheme would therefore accord with Section 16 of the Act.

Section 66 contains a similar duty, which states: *"In considering whether to grant planning permission ... for development which affects a listed building or its setting, the local planning authority or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses."*

We have assessed that the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) via setting.

National Policy and Guidance: NPPF and NPPG

In line with Paragraph 207 of the NPPF, the significance of the potentially affected heritage assets has been outlined in Sections 4 and 5 of this Heritage Statement, including any contribution made by setting to the significance of the identified heritage assets.

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In Section 6 we have also undertaken an assessment of the potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme. We have shown in our Assessment of Heritage Impacts how the scheme has sought to minimise any heritage impacts and therefore satisfies Paragraph 208 of the NPPF. The design process has taken account of the key heritage principles of paragraph 210 and 212 of the NPPF. Clear justifications for those elements of the scheme likely to have a heritage impact, are also provided in the Assessment of Heritage Impacts (Section 6), as required under Paragraph 213 of the NPPF.

We have assessed in this report that the scheme would, on balance, marginally enhance the significance of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed). We have also assessed that the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) via setting.

Local Policy

For the reasons given above the scheme would comply with North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 Policy SP13: Historic environment and Policy HE1: Designated heritage assets.

7.0 Summary and Conclusions

This Heritage Statement has been produced by Built Heritage Consultancy to accompany applications for Listed Building Consent and planning permission in relation to Old Manor Farm House, Shaftenhoe End, Barley, Hertfordshire, SG8 8LD (the 'Site'). The subject building is Grade II listed. The Site lies in the setting of the Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), the Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed).

This Heritage Statement has assessed the significance of any on-site heritage assets and any in the surrounding area that might potentially be affected by the scheme proposals. It has also assessed the potential heritage impacts on the identified heritage assets in light of the proposed scheme.

N.B. Please see Section 6 for a detailed Assessment of Impact.

The scheme proposes the replacement/alteration to all windows, removal of the entrance porch and reinstatement of a canopy to a pre-existing design, minor reconfiguration works within the historic part of the listed building, miscellaneous upgrade works, replacement of modern elements of the main staircase to a new design, and remodelling of the sun room externally and internally.

Legislation

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

We have assessed in this report that the scheme would, on balance, marginally enhance the significance of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed). The scheme would therefore accord with Section 16 of the Act.

We have assessed that the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) via setting.

National Policy and Guidance: NPPF and NPPG

In line with Paragraph 207 of the NPPF, the significance of the potentially affected heritage assets has been outlined in Sections 4 and 5 of this Heritage Statement,

including any contribution made by setting to the significance of the identified heritage assets.

In Section 6 we have also undertaken an assessment of the potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme. We have shown in our Assessment of Heritage Impacts how the scheme has sought to minimise any heritage impacts and therefore satisfies Paragraph 208 of the NPPF. The design process has taken account of the key heritage principles of paragraph 210 and 212 of the NPPF. Clear justifications for those elements of the scheme likely to have a heritage impact, are also provided in the Assessment of Heritage Impacts (Section 6), as required under Paragraph 213 of the NPPF.

We have assessed in this report that the scheme would, on balance, marginally enhance the significance of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed). We have also assessed that the scheme would have a neutral impact on the significance of Aisled Barn to the west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed), Aisled Barn and Attached Sheds south west of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) and Aisled Barn north of Old Manor Farm House (Grade II listed) via setting.

Local Policy

For the reasons given above the scheme would comply with North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 Policy SP13: Historic environment and Policy HE1: Designated heritage assets.

Appendices: Appendix 1: Bibliography

This Heritage Statement has been produced predominantly using the sources listed below. Please also note the Historic England list entries provided at **Appendix 2** and the Legislation, Policy and Guidance set out in **Appendix 3**.

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OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Official list entry

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1102546

Date first listed: 27-May-1968

List Entry Name: OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

Statutory Address 1: OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Location

Statutory Address: OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: Hertfordshire

District: North Hertfordshire (District Authority)

Parish: Barley

National Grid Reference: TL 40812 37792

Details

BARLEY SHAFTENHOE END TL 43 NW (South side) 4/112 Old Manor Farm House 27.5.68

GV

II

House. 1624, date on stair wing. Altered C18 and C19. Timber frame on brick base. Rendered. Steeply pitched tiled roofs, hipped on main block. An 'F' on plan. Large 2 cell lobby entry with kitchen and stair wings to rear. 2 storeys and attic. Left or 'hall' bay is larger than right or 'parlour' bay. Plinth. Entrance to right of centre, recessed plank door with a 3 pane rectangular fanlight and an C18 semi-circular hood on carved brackets. 6 light C19 mullion and transom flush frame small pane casements. Large cross axial ridge stack to

right of centre, red brick with an oversailing cap. Blank right end wall. Left end has 10 light mullion and transom casements and a 2 light hipped dormer. 1 bay kitchen wing to rear left, return has an entrance, recessed plank door with a semi-circular hood on carved brackets as to front, 4 light small pane flush frame casements, lower ridge. Rear gable end exposed plates, original external red brick stack, tapering with crowsteps to right to conjoined diagonal shafts with a moulded base, oversailing cap, built out to left side. To rear centre is gabled stair wing with an upper leaded pane 4 light window above which is a carved timber inscribed: 'W.L. 1624/So God May Still Me Blesse/I Care The Lesse/Let Enuy Say Her Worst/AND AFTER BURST'. Above a moulded bressumer to projecting gable which rests on 2 trumpeting satyr carved brackets. To right of stair wing a later glazed outshut, to left a ground floor 6 light casement. Interior: 'hall' has large fireplace with a stop chamfered lintel, mantelpiece with carved brackets and scrollwork, gadrooned cornice, flanking C17 cupboards. Axial and cross axial ovolo moulded bearers. Newel staircase. Panelled fitted corner cupboard in 'parlour'. Ogee stop chamfered bearer in kitchen wing. Formerly known as the Big House or Freeman's and said to be the manor house of Burnels.(RCHM 1910:VCH 1914).

Listing NGR: TL4081237792

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AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Official list entry

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1102548

Date first listed: 03-Jun-1987

List Entry Name: AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

Statutory Address 1: AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Location

Statutory Address: AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: Hertfordshire

District: North Hertfordshire (District Authority)

Parish: Barley

National Grid Reference: TL 40782 37787

Details

BARLEY SHAFTENHOE END TL 43 NW (South side) 4/114 Aisled barn about 20m W of Old Manor Farm House

GV II

Aisled barn. 'P.H. 1795' on tie beam, altered C20. Timber frame on brick base. Weatherboarded. Corrugated sheet roofing. 3 unequal bays with a single aisle to rear. Central double doors. Interior: jowled posts with arched braces to tie beams and arcade plate, renewed above tie beam with angled struts to principals. Included for group value.

Listing NGR: TL4078237787



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AISLED BARN AND ATTACHED SHEDS ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

AISLED BARN AND ATTACHED SHEDS ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Official list entry

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1102547

Date first listed: 03-Jun-1987

List Entry Name: AISLED BARN AND ATTACHED SHEDS ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

Statutory Address 1: AISLED BARN AND ATTACHED SHEDS ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Location

Statutory Address: AISLED BARN AND ATTACHED SHEDS ABOUT 40 METRES SOUTH WEST OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: Hertfordshire

District: North Hertfordshire (District Authority)

Parish: Barley

National Grid Reference: TL 40782 37753

Details

BARLEY SHAFTENHOE END TL 43 NW (South side)

4/113 Aisled barn and attached sheds about 40m SW of Old Manor Farm House

GV II

Aisled barn and attached sheds. C18. Timber frame on brick base. Weatherboarded. Corrugated sheet roofing rounded over ridge. 4 bays with a single aisle to rear. Second bay from house is open to yard, window in left end. Interior: jowled posts with arched braces to tie beams and arcade plate, angled struts to principals, collars clasp purlins, tension braces and studding in walling. Attached to right end is a 3 bay cart shed, open to front, steeply pitched corrugated sheet roof. Jowled posts with arched braces to wall plate and tie beams, clasped purlin roof. Further to right and yet lower are 3 bays of former cow sheds, now piggeries, doors to yard, steeply pitched corrugated sheet roofing.

Listing NGR: TL4078237753



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AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Official list entry

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1175497

Date first listed: 03-Jun-1987

List Entry Name: AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE

Statutory Address 1: AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

Location

Statutory Address: AISLED BARN ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF OLD MANOR FARM HOUSE, SHAFTENHOE END

The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: Hertfordshire

District: North Hertfordshire (District Authority)

Parish: Barley

National Grid Reference: TL 40820 37823

Details

BARLEY SHAFTENHOE END TL 43 NW (South side) 4/115 Aisled barn about 20m N of Old Manor Farm House

GV II

Former aisled barn, now used as a storage shed. C17 or C18. Timber frame on flint and brick base. Weatherboarded. Steeply pitched corrugated sheet roof. 3 bays with aisles on both sides. Central doors to yard. Interior: jowled arcade posts with arched braces to tie beams and arcade plates. Collars clasp purlins, some curved windbraces. Included for group value.

Listing NGR: TL4082037823



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Legislation

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Buildings

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 provides that listed building consent is required for; *“(s.7) ... any works for the demolition of a listed building or for its alteration or extension in any manner which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest”*

In determining such applications the following duty is placed upon the decision maker: *“Section 16(2) In considering whether to grant listed building consent for any works the local planning authority, or as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.”*

Section 66 contains a similar duty, which states: *“In considering whether to grant planning permission ... for development which affects a listed building or its setting, the local planning authority or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.”*

Barnwell Manor Wind Energy Limited (2014)

Recent case law has added clarification to the interpretation of Section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Section 66 states that special regard must be given by the authority in the exercise of planning functions to the desirability of preserving or enhancing Listed Buildings and their setting. A particularly appropriate example of upholding a S66 is in the case of West Coast Energy's proposal for five wind turbines to be installed within the setting of the Grade I listed Barnwell Manor, Northamptonshire. The National Trust advocated that the proposals would have an adverse impact upon the heritage asset's setting and, reinforced by local opposition, the proposal was rejected by East Northamptonshire District Council in 2010.

The developers won an appeal for four turbines, however, this was overturned at the High Court who said the decision was legally flawed. A subsequent Appeal to overturn the High Court ruling in was also dismissed in February 2014.

Lord Justice Sullivan held that, in enacting Section 66(1) of the Listed Buildings Act 1990, Parliament intended that the desirability of preserving the settings of listed buildings should not simply be given careful consideration by the decision-maker for the purpose of deciding whether there would be some harm. It should be given 'considerable importance and weight' when the decision-maker carried out the balancing exercise. It confirmed that 'preserving' meant doing 'no harm'. But Lord Justice Sullivan said that this created a 'strong presumption against the grant of planning permission'. It is that 'strong presumption' which made Barnwell stand out from earlier decisions.

The judgment found that the Inspector considering the appeal had not given special regard to the desirability of preserving the setting and had moved too swiftly to the balancing exercise under the NPPF.

Mordue (2015)

In Mordue v Secretary of state for communities and local government [2015], the claimant argued that the inspector had failed to apply the duty imposed by s.66 by neglecting to give “considerable importance and weight” to the acknowledged impact of a wind turbine on the setting of listed buildings.

The court allowed the claimant's application. The inspector had referred to the impact on listed buildings but, applying the NPPF guidance, concluded that heritage issues were outweighed by the environmental benefits. However, there was no indication of what weight the inspector had given in each case or cumulatively.

The judge felt bound to follow the judgment in East Northamptonshire v Secretary of state for communities and local government [2014], which placed the onus of proof on the secretary of state to demonstrate that considerable importance and weight had been given to the impact on listed buildings, rather than on the claimant to establish that the decision was legally flawed. In Mordue, therefore, applying the NPPF alone was not sufficient, because it did not demonstrate that the required weight had in fact been given.

Notably, it was held that paragraph 134 (now Paragraph 208 in the Revised 2023 NPPF), read together with 132 and 133 of the Framework (now Paragraphs 205-207 of the Revised 2023 NPPF), lays an approach which corresponds with the duty in section 66(1) and a decision maker who works through those paragraphs in accordance with their terms, will have complied with the section 66(1) duty.

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Forge Field (2014)

Despite the decision in *Barnwell Manor*, the LPAs in the Forge Field and South Lakeland cases (decided in June and November 2014 respectively) fell into the same trap of carrying out a balancing exercise in accordance with Paragraph 134 of the NPPF (now Paragraph 208 in the Revised 2023 NPPF), after concluding the relevant proposal will lead to less than substantial harm to designated heritage assets, without *demonstrably* giving “considerable importance and weight” to the desirability of preserving those heritage assets. In both cases, the High Court quashed the grant of planning permission. However, it is clear from the *Babergh* case (decided in October 2014) that provided the decision-maker demonstrably has regard to the statutory duty in section 66(1) and/or section 72(1) of the Act when carrying out the balancing exercise pursuant to Paragraph 134 of the NPPF (now Paragraph 208 as above), the Courts are unlikely to interfere with their decision unless it is so unreasonable that no reasonable person could have made it.

Steer v SSCLG (2017)

In this case the judge held, and upheld by the Court of Appeal in July 2018, that the Inspector erroneously concluded that a physical or visual connection was needed for an element to form part of the setting of a heritage asset. The inspector disregarded the existence of a historical, social and economic connection between the listed building and the site. This approach, it was held, was inconsistent with the broad meaning given to “setting” in the NPPF, the PPG and Historic England’s Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3 (2017).

Conservation Areas

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act (1990) sets out regarding applications for planning permission within conservation areas that:

“s.72(1) In the exercise, with respect to any buildings or other land in a conservation area, of any powers under any of the provisions mentioned in subsection (2), special attention shall be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of that area.”

There is no corresponding statutory duty to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the setting of conservation areas.

National Policy

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (Revised 2024)

The Government’s guidance in relation to conserving and enhancing the historic environment is set out in Chapter 16 of the Framework. Prior to Section 16 there are also some relevant paragraphs to heritage assets that will be provided below:

“84. Planning policies and decisions should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- *there is an essential need for a rural worker, including those taking majority control of a farm business, to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside;*
- *the development would represent the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would be appropriate enabling development to secure the future of heritage assets;*
- *the development would re-use redundant or disused buildings and enhance its immediate setting;*
- *the development would involve the subdivision of an existing residential building; or*
- *the design is of exceptional quality, in that it:*
 1. *is truly outstanding, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, and would help to raise standards of design more generally in rural areas; and*
 2. *would significantly enhance its immediate setting, and be sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area.” ...*

125. Planning policies and decisions should:

...c) give substantial weight to the value of using suitable brownfield land within settlements for homes and other identified needs, proposals for which should be approved unless substantial harm would be caused, and support appropriate opportunities to remediate despoiled, degraded, derelict, contaminated or unstable land;

d) promote and support the development of under-utilised land and buildings,

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especially if this would help to meet identified needs for housing where land supply is constrained and available sites could be used more effectively (for example converting space above shops, and building on or above service yards, car parks, lock-ups and railway infrastructure)⁵⁰; and

e) support opportunities to use the airspace above existing residential and commercial premises for new homes. In particular, they should allow upward extensions – including mansard roofs – where the development would be consistent with the prevailing form of neighbouring properties and the overall street scene, is well-designed (including complying with any local design policies and standards), and can maintain safe access and egress for occupiers. A condition of simultaneous development should not be imposed on an application for multiple upward extensions unless there is an exceptional justification.” ...

135. Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

c) are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change (such as increased densities);...”

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Section 16, Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment, contains for the following key paragraphs:

202. Heritage assets range from sites and buildings of local historic value to those of the highest significance, such as World Heritage Sites which are internationally recognised to be of Outstanding Universal Value⁷³. These assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations⁷⁴.

203. Plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats. This strategy should take into account:

d) the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets,

and putting them to viable uses consistent with their conservation;

e) the wider social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits that conservation of the historic environment can bring;

f) the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness; and

g) opportunities to draw on the contribution made by the historic environment to the character of a place.

204. When considering the designation of conservation areas, local planning authorities should ensure that an area justifies such status because of its special architectural or historic interest, and that the concept of conservation is not devalued through the designation of areas that lack special interest.

205. Local planning authorities should maintain or have access to a historic environment record. This should contain up-to-date evidence about the historic environment in their area and be used to:

a) assess the significance of heritage assets and the contribution they make to their environment; and

b) predict the likelihood that currently unidentified heritage assets, particularly sites of historic and archaeological interest, will be discovered in the future.

206. Local planning authorities should make information about the historic environment, gathered as part of policy-making or development management, publicly accessible.

Proposals affecting heritage assets

207. In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets’ importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. Where a site on which development is proposed includes, or has the potential to include, heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field

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evaluation.

208. Local planning authorities should identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset that may be affected by a proposal (including by development affecting the setting of a heritage asset) taking account of the available evidence and any necessary expertise. They should take this into account when considering the impact of a proposal on a heritage asset, to avoid or minimise any conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the proposal.

209. Where there is evidence of deliberate neglect of, or damage to, a heritage asset, the deteriorated state of the heritage asset should not be taken into account in any decision.

210. In determining applications, local planning authorities should take account of:

- a) the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and putting them to viable uses consistent with their conservation;
- b) the positive contribution that conservation of heritage assets can make to sustainable communities including their economic vitality; and
- c) the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.

211. In considering any applications to remove or alter a historic statue, plaque, memorial or monument (whether listed or not), local planning authorities should have regard to the importance of their retention in situ and, where appropriate, of explaining their historic and social context rather than removal.

Considering potential impacts

212. When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). This is irrespective of whether any potential harm amounts to substantial harm, total loss or less than substantial harm to its significance.

213. Any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alteration or destruction, or from development within its setting), should require clear and convincing justification. Substantial harm to or loss of:

- a) grade II listed buildings, or grade II registered parks or gardens, should be

exceptional; and

- b) assets of the highest significance, notably scheduled monuments, protected wreck sites, registered battlefields, grade I and II* listed buildings, grade I and II* registered parks and gardens, and World Heritage Sites, should be wholly exceptional.

214. Where a proposed development will lead to substantial harm to (or total loss of significance of) a designated heritage asset, local planning authorities should refuse consent, unless it can be demonstrated that the substantial harm or total loss is necessary to achieve substantial public benefits that outweigh that harm or loss, or all of the following apply:

- a) the nature of the heritage asset prevents all reasonable uses of the site; and
- b) no viable use of the heritage asset itself can be found in the medium term through appropriate marketing that will enable its conservation; and
- c) conservation by grant-funding or some form of not for profit, charitable or public ownership is demonstrably not possible; and
- d) the harm or loss is outweighed by the benefit of bringing the site back into use.

215. Where a development proposal will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal including, where appropriate, securing its optimum viable use.

216. The effect of an application on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining the application. In weighing applications that directly or indirectly affect non-designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.

217. Local planning authorities should not permit the loss of the whole or part of a heritage asset without taking all reasonable steps to ensure the new development will proceed after the loss has occurred.

218. Local planning authorities should require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make

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this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible⁷⁶. However, the ability to should be permitted.

219. Local planning authorities should look for opportunities for new development within Conservation Areas and World Heritage Sites, and within the setting of heritage assets, to enhance or better reveal their significance. Proposals that preserve those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to the asset (or which better reveal its significance) should be treated favourably.

220. Not all elements of a Conservation Area or World Heritage Site will necessarily contribute to its significance. Loss of a building (or other element) which makes a positive contribution to the significance of the Conservation Area or World Heritage Site should be treated either as substantial harm under paragraph 214 or less than substantial harm under paragraph 215, as appropriate, taking into account the relative significance of the element affected and its contribution to the significance of the Conservation Area or World Heritage Site as a whole.

221. Local planning authorities should assess whether the benefits of a proposal for enabling development, which would otherwise conflict with planning policies but which would secure the future conservation of a heritage asset, outweigh the disbenefits of departing from those policies.”

Annex 2: Glossary (Part)

“Heritage asset: A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. It includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).”

Local Policy

North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031

Policy SP13: Historic environment

This policy states:

“The Council will balance the need for growth with the proper protection and enhancement of the historic environment. When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight will be given to the asset’s conservation and the management of its setting.

We will pursue a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment through: a) Maintaining a strong presumption in favour of the retention, preservation and enhancement of heritage assets and their setting according to their significance; b) Identifying sites on the national register of Heritage at Risk or on the Council’s ‘At Risk’ register; c) Periodic reviews of Conservation Areas and other locally designated assets; and d) Publication of detailed guidance.”

Policy HE1: Designated heritage assets

This policy states:

“Planning applications relating to Designated heritage Assets or their setting shall be accompanied by a Heritage Assessment/Justification Statement that:

- i. Assesses the significance of heritage assets, including their setting;*
- ii. Justifies and details the impacts of any proposal upon the significance of the designated heritage asset(s); and*
- iii. Informs any necessary measures to minimise or mitigate against any identified harms. Planning permission for development proposals affecting Designated Heritage Assets or their setting will be granted where they (as applicable):*
 - a) Enable the heritage asset to be used in a manner that secures its conservation and preserves its significance;*
 - b) Incorporate a palette of materials that make a positive contribution to local character or distinctiveness, where it is appropriate and justified; and*
 - c) Will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of the designated heritage asset, and this harm is outweighed by the public benefits of the development, including securing the asset’s optimum viable use. Where substantial harm to, or loss of significance, of a designated heritage asset is proposed the Council shall refuse consent unless it can be demonstrated that the scheme is necessary to deliver considerable public benefits that outweigh the harm or loss.”*

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Guidance

National Planning Practice Guidance (As amended)

The NPPG provides added to clarity to the interpretation of the NPPF.

Principles of Selection for Listed Buildings (2018)

The Principles for Selection of Listed Buildings sets out that a building has to be of special architectural or historic interest to be listed compiled under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Listed buildings are graded to reflect their relative special architectural and historic interest.

- *“Grade I buildings are of exceptional special interest;*
- *Grade II* buildings are particularly important buildings of more than special interest;*
- *Grade II buildings are of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them.”*

“The Secretary of State’s policy is to provide as much clarity as possible about where the special interest of buildings lie when listing them or revising an existing list entry. Section 1(5A) of the 1990 Act allows the Secretary of State to state definitively in a list entry if particular parts or features of the building (including any objects or structures that are fixed to it, or in its curtilage) are not part of the listed building or of special architectural or historic interest. Unless particular parts or features have been so excepted the protection conferred by listing applies to the whole of the building, not just its exterior....”

“The Secretary of State uses the following criteria when assessing whether a building is of special architectural or historic interest and therefore should be added to the statutory list:

- *Architectural Interest: To be of special architectural interest a building must be of importance in its design, decoration or craftsmanship. Special interest may also apply to particularly significant examples of building types or techniques (e.g. buildings displaying technological innovation or virtuosity) and significant plan forms. Engineering and technological interest can be an*

important consideration for some buildings. For more recent buildings in particular, the functioning of the building (to the extent that this reflects on its original design and planned use, where known) will also be a consideration. Artistic distinction can also be a factor relevant to the architectural interest of buildings and objects and structures fixed to them.

- *Historic Interest: To be able to justify special historic interest a building must illustrate important aspects of the nation’s history and / or have closely substantiated historical associations with nationally important individuals, groups or events; and the building itself in its current form will afford a strong connection with the valued aspect of history.”*

“When making a listing decision, the Secretary of State may also take into account:

- *Group value: The extent to which the exterior of the building contributes to the architectural or historic interest of any group of buildings of which it forms part, generally known as group value. The Secretary of State will take this into account particularly where buildings comprise an important architectural or historic unity or a fine example of planning (e.g. squares, terraces or model villages) or where there is a historical functional relationship between the buildings. Sometimes group value will be achieved through a co-location of diverse buildings of different types and dates.*
- *Fixtures and features of a building and curtilage buildings: The desirability of preserving, on the grounds of its architectural or historic interest, any feature of the building consisting of a man-made object or structure fixed to the building or forming part of the land and comprised within the curtilage of the building.*
- *The character or appearance of conservation areas: In accordance with the terms of section 72 of the 1990 Act, when making listing decisions in respect of a building in a conservation area, the Secretary of State will pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of that area.*

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General principles

Age and rarity:

The older a building is, and the fewer the surviving examples of its kind, the more likely it is to have special interest. The following chronology is meant as a guide to assessment; the dates are indications of likely periods of interest and are not absolute. The relevance of age and rarity will vary according to the particular type of building because for some types, dates other than those outlined below are of significance. However, the general principles used are that:

- *before 1700, all buildings that retain a significant proportion of their original fabric are likely to be regarded of special interest;*
- *from 1700 to 1850, most buildings that retain a significant proportion of their original fabric are likely to be regarded of special interest, though some selection is necessary;*
- *from 1850 to 1945, because of the greatly increased number of buildings erected and the much larger numbers that have survived, progressively greater selection is necessary;*
- *careful selection is required for buildings from the period after 1945, another watershed for architecture.*

Buildings less than 30 years old:

Such buildings are not normally considered to be of special architectural or historic interest because they have yet to stand the test of time. It may nevertheless be appropriate to list some modern buildings despite their relatively recent construction – for example, if they demonstrate outstanding quality (generally interpreted as being equivalent to Grade I or II). The Secretary of State calculates the age of a building from the point at which the ground was first broken.*

Aesthetic merits:

The appearance of a building (both its intrinsic architectural merit or any group value) is often a key consideration in listing, but the special interest will not always be reflected in obvious external visual quality. Buildings that are important for reasons of technological or material innovation, engineering or as illustrating particular aspects of social or economic history, may have little external visual quality but can still be of special interest.

Selectivity:

Where a building qualifies for listing primarily on the strength of its special architectural interest, the fact that there are other buildings of similar or identical quality elsewhere is not likely to be a major consideration. However, a building may be listed primarily because it represents a particular historical type to ensure that examples of such a type are preserved. Listing in these circumstances is largely a comparative exercise and needs to be selective where a substantial number of buildings of a similar type and quality survive. In such cases, the Secretary of State's policy is generally to list only the most representative or most significant examples of the type.

National interest:

The emphasis in this document is to establish consistency in selection to ensure that not only are all buildings of strong intrinsic national architectural or historic interest included on the statutory list, but also the most significant or distinctive regional buildings that together make a major contribution to the national historic stock. For instance, the best examples of vernacular buildings will normally be listed because they illustrate the importance of distinctive local and regional building traditions. Similarly, for example, some buildings will be listed because they represent a nationally significant but localised industry, such as shoemaking in Northamptonshire or cotton production in Lancashire.

State of repair:

the general state of repair and upkeep of a building will not usually be a relevant consideration when deciding whether it meets the test of special architectural or historic interest. The Secretary of State will list a building that has been assessed as meeting the statutory criteria, irrespective of its state of repair. Loss of original fabric will however be a relevant consideration when considering special interest."

Historic England Statements of Heritage Significance: Analysing Significance in Heritage Assets Advice Note 12 (2019)

1 The purpose of this Historic England Advice note is to provide information on the analysis and assessment of heritage significance in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to assist owners, applicants, local planning authorities (LPAs), planning and other consultants, and other interested parties in implementing historic environment legislation, the policy in the NPPF and the

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related guidance given in the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). In addition to these documents, this advice can usefully be read in conjunction with relevant Good Practice Advice and Historic England advice notes. Alternative approaches may be acceptable, provided they are demonstrably compliant with legislation and national policy.

10 In summary, what is needed is an impartial analysis of significance and the contribution of setting. A Statement of Heritage Significance is not an advocacy document, seeking to justify a scheme which has already been designed; it is more an objective analysis of significance, an opportunity to describe what matters and why, in terms of heritage significance....

Where development proposals affect conservation areas, further advice on the appraisal, designation and management of conservation areas, including the assessment of special interest, can be found in Conservation Area Appraisal, Designation and Management: Historic England Advice 1 (Second Edition).

Assess the significance of the heritage asset For each heritage asset, describe the various interests (see PPG - paragraph: 006 reference ID: 18a-006-20190723):

- *Archaeological interest* There will be archaeological interest in a heritage asset if it holds, or potentially holds, evidence of past human activity worthy of expert investigation at some point.
- *Architectural and artistic interest* These are interests in the design and general aesthetics of a place. They can arise from conscious design or fortuitously from the way the heritage asset has evolved. More specifically, architectural interest is an interest in the art or science of the design, construction, craftsmanship and decoration of buildings and structures of all types.
- *Artistic interest* is an interest in other human creative skills, like sculpture. *Historic Interest* An interest in past lives and events (including pre-historic). Heritage assets can illustrate or be associated with them. Heritage assets with historic interest not only provide a material record of our nation's history, but can also provide meaning for communities derived from their collective experience of a place and can symbolise wider values such as faith and cultural identity.

3 Impact on the significance Where the proposal affects the historic fabric of the

heritage asset, specify the effect on that fabric including loss or concealment of historic features and fabric which contribute to significance, both inside and out, proposed removals and demolitions and the impact of alterations and extensions, where proposed, etc. In some cases, condition and structural surveys may usefully be quoted, to explain why a particular course has been chosen. Where the proposal affects the setting, and related views, of a heritage asset, or assets, clarify the contribution of the setting to the significance of the asset, or the way that the setting allows the significance to be appreciated. This may include the impact of the location of new development within the setting, of the impact on key views, the impact on the relationship of the heritage asset to its setting, etc. Where the proposal impacts both on the heritage asset directly and on its setting, a cumulative assessment of impact will be needed. Impacts both harmful and beneficial should be noted.

4 Avoid harmful impact(s) The NPPF stresses that impacts on heritage assets should be avoided. Therefore, show how the impact is to be avoided or minimised, for instance by the proposal being reversible. In some circumstances, the ability to appreciate significance may be enhanced or otherwise revealed by the proposal; this should be outlined here. As this may be a matter of the way the proposal has been designed, reference in the Design and Access Statement (where appropriate) is likely to be useful.

5 Justification for harmful impacts This is the opportunity to describe the justification for the proposal."

Historic England, Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 2: Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment (2015)

This Historic England guidance note clarifies how to assess heritage asset significance, suggested archival sources of information, it recommends best practice recording procedures and discussed unauthorised works. It is a useful resource to aid with the interpretation of the NPPF.

Cumulative Impact

Paragraph 28 states: "The cumulative impact of incremental small-scale changes may have as great an effect on the significance of a heritage asset as a larger scale change. Where the significance of a heritage asset has been compromised in the past by unsympathetic development to the asset itself or its setting, consideration still needs to be given to whether additional change will further

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detract from, or can enhance, the significance of the asset in order to accord with NPPF policies. Negative change could include severing the last link to part of the history of an asset or between the asset and its original setting. Conversely, positive change could include the restoration of a building's plan form or an original designed landscape."

Design and local distinctiveness

Paragraph 53 states: *"Both the NPPF (section 7) and PPG (section ID26) contain detail on why good design is important and how it can be achieved. In terms of the historic environment, some or all of the following factors may influence what will make the scale, height, massing, alignment, materials and proposed use of new development successful in its context:*

- *The history of the place;*
- *The relationship of the proposal to its specific site;*
- *The significance of nearby assets and the contribution of their setting, recognising that this is a dynamic concept;*
- *The general character and distinctiveness of the area in its widest sense, including the general character of local buildings, spaces, public realm and the landscape, the grain of the surroundings, which includes, for example the street pattern and plot size;*
- *The size and density of the proposal related to that of the existing and neighbouring uses;*
- *Landmarks and other built or landscape features which are key to a sense of place;*
- *The diversity or uniformity in style, construction, materials, colour, detailing, decoration and period of existing buildings and spaces;*
- *The topography;*
- *Views into, through and from the site and its surroundings;*
- *Landscape design;*
- *The current and historic uses in the area and the urban grain;*
- *The quality of the materials."*

Historic England, Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3: The Setting of Heritage Assets, 2017 GPA Note 3 (Second Edition)

The stated purpose of GP3 is to set *"...out guidance, against the background of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the related guidance given in the Planning Practice Guide (PPG), on managing change within the settings of heritage assets, including archaeological remains and historic buildings, sites, areas, and landscapes.*

It gives general advice on understanding setting, and how it may contribute to the significance of heritage assets and allow that significance to be appreciated, as well as advice on how views contribute to setting. The suggested staged approach to taking decisions on setting can also be used to assess the contribution of views to the significance of heritage assets. The guidance has been written for local planning authorities and those proposing change to heritage assets.

It replaces The Setting of Heritage Assets: Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3 – 1st edition, 2015 and Seeing the History in the View: A Method for assessing Heritage Significance within Views (English Heritage, 2011)."

A number of the key worthy sections are provided below for ease of reference.

"NPPF Glossary: Setting of a heritage asset

The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral (NPPF, Annex 2: Glossary)."

"PPG: What is the setting of a heritage asset and how should it be taken into account?"

The "setting of a heritage asset" is defined in the Glossary of the National Planning Policy Framework.

A thorough assessment of the impact on setting needs to take into account, and be proportionate to, the significance of the heritage asset under consideration and the degree to which proposed changes enhance or detract from that significance and the ability to appreciate it.

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Setting is the surroundings in which an asset is experienced, and may therefore be more extensive than its curtilage. All heritage assets have a setting, irrespective of the form in which they survive and whether they are designated or not.

The extent and importance of setting is often expressed by reference to visual considerations. Although views of or from an asset will play an important part, the way in which we experience an asset in its setting is also influenced by other environmental factors such as noise, dust and vibration from other land uses in the vicinity, and by our understanding of the historic relationship between places. For example, buildings that are in close proximity but are not visible from each other may have a historic or aesthetic connection that amplifies the experience of the significance of each.

The contribution that setting makes to the significance of the heritage asset does not depend on there being public rights or an ability to access or experience that setting. This will vary over time and according to circumstance.

When assessing any application for development which may affect the setting of a heritage asset, local planning authorities may need to consider the implications of cumulative change. They may also need to consider the fact that developments which materially detract from the asset's significance may also damage its economic viability now, or in the future, thereby threatening its on-going conservation (PPG, paragraph: 013, reference ID: 18a-013-20140306)."

Views and setting

"The contribution of setting to the significance of a heritage asset is often expressed by reference to views, a purely visual impression of an asset or place which can be static or dynamic, long, short or of lateral spread, and include a variety of views of, from, across, or including that asset.

Views which contribute more to understanding the significance of a heritage asset include:

- those where the composition within the view was a fundamental aspect of the design or function of the heritage asset;*
- those where town- or village-scape reveals views with unplanned or unintended beauty;*
- those with historical associations, including viewing points and the*

topography of battlefields;

- those with cultural associations, including landscapes known historically for their picturesque and landscape beauty, those which became subjects for paintings of the English landscape tradition, and those views which have otherwise become historically cherished and protected;*
- those where relationships between the asset and other heritage assets or natural features or phenomena such as solar or lunar events are particularly relevant."*

Setting and Views – A Staged Approach to Proportionate Decision-Taking

"...The contribution made by their setting to their significance also varies. Although many settings may be enhanced by development, not all settings have the same capacity to accommodate change without harm to the significance of the heritage asset or the ability to appreciate it. This capacity may vary between designated assets of the same grade or of the same type or according to the nature of the change. It can also depend on the location of the asset: an elevated or overlooked location; a riverbank, coastal or island location; or a location within an extensive tract of flat land may increase the sensitivity of the setting (i.e. the capacity of the setting to accommodate change without harm to the heritage asset's significance) or of views of the asset. This requires the implications of development affecting the setting of heritage assets to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Conserving or enhancing heritage assets by taking their settings into account need not prevent change; indeed change may be positive, for instance where the setting has been compromised by poor development. Many places coincide with the setting of a heritage asset and are subject to some degree of change over time. NPPF policies, together with the guidance on their implementation in the Planning Policy Guidance (PPG), provide the framework for the consideration of change affecting the setting of undesignated and designated heritage assets as part of the decision-taking process (NPPF, paragraphs 131-135 and 137) [since amended in the Revised 2019 NPPF to 192-197 and 200 respectively]

Amongst the Government's planning policies for the historic environment is that conservation decisions are based on a proportionate assessment of the particular significance of any heritage asset that may be affected by a proposal, including by development affecting the setting of a heritage asset. Historic England

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recommends the following broad approach to assessment, undertaken as a series of steps that apply proportionately to the complexity of the case, from straightforward to complex:

Step 1: Identify which heritage assets and their settings are affected

Step 2: Assess the degree to which these settings make a contribution to the significance of the heritage asset(s) or allow significance to be appreciated

Step 3: Assess the effects of the proposed development, whether beneficial or harmful, on that significance or on the ability to appreciate it

Step 4: Explore ways to maximise enhancement and avoid or minimise harm

Step 5: Make and document the decision and monitor outcomes."

Historic England: Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Management: Historic England Advice Note 1 (2016)

AN1 provides guidance to LPAs on the management of Conservation Areas. It outlines best practice for their designation and for the production of conservation area character appraisals. The latter should be academically rigorous to allow the special interest of the conservation area in question to be clearly intelligible to the reader and therefore be used as a guide to how sensitive to change relative parts of a conservation area are.

Historic England Advice Note 2: Making Changes to Heritage Assets (2016)

The stated purpose of AN2 is to illustrate: *"...the application of the policies set out in the NPPF in determining applications for planning permission and listed building consent, as well as other non-planning heritage consents, including scheduled monument consent. It provides general advice according to different categories of intervention in heritage assets, including repair, restoration, addition and alteration, as well as on works for research alone, based on the following types of heritage asset: buildings and other structures; standing remains including earthworks; buried remains and marine sites; and larger heritage assets including conservation areas, landscapes, including parks and gardens, and World Heritage Sites. It will be useful to owners, developers, local planning authorities and others in considering works to heritage assets."*

English Heritage: Conservation Principles, Policies and Guidance – For Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment (2008)

Paragraph 31 states: *"Many heritage values are recognised by the statutory designation and regulation of significant places, where a particular value, such as 'architectural or historic interest' or 'scientific interest', is judged to be 'special', that is above a defined threshold of importance. Designation necessarily requires the assessment of the importance of specific heritage values of a place; but decisions about its day-to-day management should take account of all the values that contribute to its significance. Moreover, the significance of a place should influence decisions about its future, whether or not it has statutory designation."*

The values recommended to be assessed in the guidance are provided below:

Evidential value

"Evidential value derives from the potential of a place to yield evidence about past human activity."

Historical value

"Historical value derives from the ways in which past people, events and aspects of life can be connected through a place to the present. It tends to be illustrative or associative."

"Illustrative value has the power to aid interpretation of the past through making connections with, and providing insights into, past communities and their activities through shared experience of a place. The illustrative value of places tends to be greater if they incorporate the first, or only surviving, example of an innovation of consequence, whether related to design, technology or social organisation. The concept is similarly applicable to the natural heritage values of a place, for example geological strata visible in an exposure, the survival of veteran trees, or the observable interdependence of species in a particular habitat. Illustrative value is often described in relation to the subject illustrated, for example, a structural system or a machine might be said to have 'technological value'."

"Association with a notable family, person, event, or movement gives historical value a particular resonance. Being at the place where something momentous happened can increase and intensify understanding through linking historical

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accounts of events with the place where they happened – provided, of course, that the place still retains some semblance of its appearance at the time. The way in which an individual built or furnished their house, or made a garden, often provides insight into their personality, or demonstrates their political or cultural affiliations. It can suggest aspects of their character and motivation that extend, or even contradict, what they or others wrote, or are recorded as having said, at the time, and so also provide evidential value.”

Aesthetic value

“Aesthetic value derives from the ways in which people draw sensory and intellectual stimulation from a place.”

“Design value relates primarily to the aesthetic qualities generated by the conscious design of a building, structure or landscape as a whole. It embraces composition (form, proportions, massing, silhouette, views and vistas, circulation) and usually materials or planting, decoration or detailing, and craftsmanship. It may extend to an intellectual programme governing the design (for example, a building as an expression of the Holy Trinity), and the choice or influence of sources from which it was derived. It may be attributed to a known patron, architect, designer, gardener or craftsman (and so have associational value), or be a mature product of a vernacular tradition of building or land management. Strong indicators of importance are quality of design and execution, and innovation, particularly if influential.”

Communal value

“Communal value derives from the meanings of a place for the people who relate to it, or for whom it figures in their collective experience or memory. Communal values are closely bound up with historical (particularly associative) and aesthetic values, but tend to have additional and specific aspects.”

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