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WILDERNESS COTTAGE, GODOLPHIN SCHOOL, MILFORD HILL, SALISBURY, SP1 2RA

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE



The Wilderness, Shady Bower, is an attached two-storey house.

The property is listed as being of Special Architectural or Historic Interest, this listed in October 1972.

The listing is as follows:-

"SU 12 NE 16/564 II 2. Small L plan house circa 1830-40 possible enlargement of earlier cottage. Part nearest road is of 2 storeys, rendered with low pitch hipped slate roof, flat eaves. One window to road, sash on 1st floor, 2 light casement ground floor. East front, one similar window on 1st floor, late glazing. Ground floor has canted bay, moulded surrounds to lights, sash to front, later glazing, moulded cornice. L shaped block to north of one storey and attic, the east front tile hung. Gable end slate roof. Gables over semi dormer windows with pierced bargeboards, 2 sashes glazing bars intact, moulded surrounds. On ground floor 2 shallow canted bay windows, 2 light casements to front moulded cornices. Central panelled door under trellis porch. Wing to west has similar bargeboards to gable over 1st floor window. Picturesque."

From a constructional point of view, the building appears to have been built in two phases. The original cottage, which faces east, is a relatively simple two-structure structure, most probably two rooms to each floor. It has been subsequently extended, most probably when the adjoining Rose Villa was constructed towards the latter part of the nineteenth century. This would have joined the two buildings together and provided for an extension to the west and to the south, very much in a mid-to late

Victorian style with sash windows and rendered walls under a pitched roof with a covering of slate.

The original structure may well be partly timber framed given the relative thinness of the existing walls, and with a brick outer leaf was relatively porous hence the slate hanging that has now been provided on the east elevation.

A number of alterations and adaptions have been made to the building since then including the provision of an infill to provide for the existing utility room which currently has a thermoplastic polycarbonate sheet roof for which consent is sought for its replacement in glass.

Various other general repairs are required to the building, none of which will affect the historic significance of the building but will provide for a better living environment for the Head Mistress of Godolphin School.

The attached Design and Access Statement provides a more detailed list of what is proposed and how this is to be undertaken together with photographs and floor plans and elevations.

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