DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT: Reasons why the applicant thinks the proposed works do not affect the special architectural or historic interest of the listed building

Background 6 St Edmunds Church Street is part of a Grade II building first listed 12 October 1972 with an entry number 1258926. The listed building is made up of three similar 3-storey cottages (numbers 2-6), with No 6 being the most northerly. This row of three properties was earlier recorded (p.141) in Vol 1 of the RCHM Report on Salisbury monuments completed in 1976 and published in 1980 where it was given the reference number AM363. That entry includes the information that the row was built as part of Griffin Chequer in the 19th-century and that in elevation it resembles AM 157. The latter entry is for a similarly-dated range of six houses in near-by Winchester Street (nos 66-76). This makes clear that their special architectural interest was then seen to be: *"The facade of each house has one sashed window in each storey and a plain doorway at street level."*

Similar sentiments are expressed in the current building listing: *"ST EDMUND'S CHURCH STREET 1. 1594 (East Side) Nos 2 to 6 (even) SU 1430 SE 2/251 GV II 2. Including entrance to No 51 Winchester Street qv. Early Cl9. 3 storeys red brick. Low pitch hipped slate roof flat eaves. Symmetrical 3 window front, recessed sashes, glazing bars intact. In centre of 1st floor a canted bay window [Note since demolished by a passing lorry], strip pilasters between sash glazing bar, lights, moulded cornice and panelled apron. 3 windows and 4 doors on ground floor, lined reveals. The right hand door is entrance to No 51 Winchester Street. Doors of 6 flush panels with rectangular marginal glazed fanlights, plain reveals. Doorcases of panelled pilasters with pointed arch tops to pilaster panels, plain frieze and moulded cornice hoods. Windows have flat rubbed brick arches.*

Nos 2 to 10 (even) and Nos 16 to 24 (even) with Methodist Church form a group.

Also Nos 2 to 10 (even) form a group with os 51 to 55 (odd) Winchester Street."

The listed building entry includes two photographs of the front facade of these three cottages, but no details or photographs of the rear of the buildings.

Reasons for applying

Based on the current and historical listings for this building given above it is clear that its special architectural merit is related to its symmetrical and uniform front facade, both in the context of the row of three cottages as a whole and the wider context of the adjacent streets. The proposed window replacement will have no impact on the appearance of the properties from these streets and hence no impact on the stated features of special architectural merit of the listed building.

In addition none of the existing three rear second-floor bedroom windows in this listed row is completely original and the aim of this work is that the replacement window at no. 6 will be closer than the others to the original in both internal and external appearance.

Statement as to the applicant's interest in the listed building(s) and any interest of any other person

I am making this application on behalf of my wife Margaret Anne Brain who is the sole resident and owner of the property. Anne and I have retained our separate properties since etting married and have no financial interest in each other's houses. Anne moved into this property in 1985 with her first husband and family and consequently is one of the longest-serving residents in the area.

Colin Brain
1st July 2023