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Donhead Mill
Donhead St Andrew
Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 9EP

Heritage and planning statement
The Malthouse, Donhead St Mary, Shaftesbury SP7 9DN

History of the Malthouse

Estimated to have been built originally in the middle of the nineteenth century as part of a brewery owned by the Jeffreys family. It was used as a malthouse to store and germinate grain for the brewery up until the early part of the twentieth century (Figs 1 and 2) when it then became the office for the Jeffreys family auction and farming business.

The brewery subsequently fell into disuse and was then converted into the house now called Bruins.

The adjacent Grade II listed Methodist chapel, which may well have been situated close to the brewery to advocate temperance, was converted to residential use in 2008 under application S/2008/0095 and subsequently enlarged the garden and parking curtilage areas under application S/2010/1091/



Fig 1: View of the Malthouse early 20th century.

The Malthouse Donhead St Mary



Fig 2: The Malthouse in use.

The proposal:
The Malthhouse was converted to residential use (it is thought) in the late 1980's. It is not listed but is located within the conservation area. The current owner, and applicant, has lived in the Malthouse since 2007. In that time all the site has all been treated as garden area and there is no physical feature separating areas of domestic and non-domestic use. This application, which is to increase the official domestic curtilage of the garden to relate better to the size of the house, is intended to regularise that situation.

The application also includes the addition of a modest 3 x 12m lap pool set in the lawn just below the existing buildings and parking area. (Figs 3 and 4) There will be a boarded margin area around the pool but no extended terrace is proposed. The pool is open air and no external lighting is proposed around this. (See typical similar lap pool image Fig 5.)
Garden levels will have a minimal adjustment around this to give a level area for the pool to sit in.



Fig 3: Proposed site for new lap pool



Fig 4: Site for new lap pool – on slope below parking area



Fig 5 : Similar typical lap pool image