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Design Statement

4 Skillins
Kington St Michael
Wiltshire
SN14 6RL



Front elevation of existing

Introduction

Artel31 have been asked to apply to replace fenestration with new aluminium composite units on to 4 Skillins, Kington St Michael, Wiltshire, SN14 6RL. The property is Grade II listed.

Heritage assessment of the asset

Historic England Listing:

Heritage Category: Listed Building Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1022334

Date first listed: 29-Feb-1988

Statutory Address: BARN AND STABLE AT MANOR FARM

Grade II House. Early C19. Limestone ashlar, plain tile roof with ashlar stack to left of centre. Double- depth plan. EXTERIOR: 3 storeys and basement; 3-window range. Cornice, parapet and plinth, 4/8-pane sash windows to the 2nd floor, 8/8-pane sashes to the 1st floor and 2 6/6- pane tripar8te windows to the ground-floor le=. To the ground-floor right is a roll-edged semi-circular arch to a carriage entrance with full-height double doors to the rear; the house entrance is a 6-panel door glazed to the top with a cast-iron wreath knocker, toward the rear of the arch. INTERIOR: not inspected.

The house is generally in a good state of repair with the present and past owners maintaining it to a high standard, however the existing fenestration requires full replacement.

N/97/02822/LBC Unknown Decision – External alterations to reposition weathervane

N/09/00306/LBC Approved with Conditions - Installation of boiler flue

4 Skillins is located within the Chippenham Conservation Area. Kington St Michaels is one of the oldest and most proactive streets in the conservation area and is archaeologically important.

Number 4 is not specifically mentioned within the Conservation Area Character Analysis.

The Proposal

The main building was assessed, and the properties lack of natural daylight considered where privacy was crucial and where daylight was required. Consideration was also given to retain the heritage aesthetic of the building. The front elevation is south facing and is not overshadowed, so it is proposed to replace all fenestration to this façade. This will allow the most natural daylight into the property with all fenestrations fully glazed.

The type of windows proposed are high performing, triple glazed aluminium-timber composite frame ALUCO windows. This project has been guided and supported through pre-application advice under the reference of; ENQ/2023/01206. Senior conservation officer, Guy-Bentham-Hill has agreed on the 17th of October that the products submitted in this planning application fits the "industrial aesthetic," that the department would like on the Grade II listed building.

Impact on the asset and wider conservation Area and Asset

The privacy of neighbouring buildings and views to and from the site will not be affected and there will be no impact on the structure or historic fabric of the site.

The replacement of fenestration will simply become more sympathetic and improve the sustainability benefits for the house to more than offset any harm caused to the asset or the neighbouring properties. There will be no impact to the wider conservation area adjoined to this listed asset.

Assessment of Impact on the asset

The only external alterations to the original host asset will be framing of proposed fenestration which has been carefully considered and guided towards a look that is sympathetic to the existing.

Conclusion

The proposed improvements to the main house will provide much needed light and ventilation to the internal spaces for the occupiers of the dwelling whilst maintaining the historic asset and its entrance. The application has received pre-application consultant with the conservation officer supportive of the revised proposals.