

76A High Street, Marlborough Wiltshire SN8 1HF

Design, access, planning and heritage statement

Design and access:

At the moment, because of the poor mobile telephone reception in Marlborough, the property has no Internet or telephone service at all. This is because the previous provider no longer supports analogue telephones and has discontinued the service. As it happens, another Internet provider has run fibre cables in the pavement immediately outside the property and these represent the least obtrusive means of getting connection and telephone.

The property is currently occupied by a pensioner and it is considered essential that there should be a reliable telephone connection and this would be provided by this proposal.

The existing access to the property will not be altered under this proposal.

Heritage:

The property is a seventeenth century grade 2 listed terrace cottage. It has been added to and extended almost every century since having been built. The front façade was extended upward in the Georgian era and the attic made into a further bedroom. What was once a passageway through to buildings in the garden beyond has become the front hall of the house. At the rear a glass conservatory was added at the beginning of the 21st century.

The front facade remains relatively unaltered since the Georgian upward extension and features a charming curved bay window.

The property has had planters against the front façade for several decades and these cover the lead clad access hatch to the cellar – not least to discourage theft of the lead.

The proposal is to run cable from the adjacent connection in the pavement back to the front façade of the property and then to run at low level across behind the planters to a connection box which will be fitted at low level to the façade behind one of the planters. A small hole will be drilled through the brickwork of the front façade to serve a router on the interior which will be mounted in the existing meter cabinet in the front living room.

Conclusion - The cables will be run at low level so as to be unobtrusive and the colour of the connection box will be painted to match the rest of the façade. The cable and the box will be hidden behind the existing planters and as a result will have a minimal visual impact on heritage asset. The hole to be drilled through the brickwork of the front façade will be circa 1 cm in diameter and will not affect the

integrity of the wall. In the living room behind the cable will exit into the existing meter box and will not be visible.