

Heritage statement

4 Bakers Corner, Neston, Wiltshire, SN13 9SY

List entry number 1364021



The significance of 4 Bakers Corner derives from its age, its historical interest, its architectural interest, its appearance and its setting.

It is a Grade II listed semi-detached limestone stone built house near the end of a hard core track that leads off Wadswick Lane. It is in the Neston Conservation Area. A public footpath goes along the track before turning into fields that are in front of the house. From the back of the house are extensive views over open countryside. From this direction and from a northerly direction the house is visible from Wadswick Lane.

The house is in a quiet area on the edge of Neston village, accompanied by a cluster of other lime stone built houses. Between it and Wadswick Lane is approximately 1 acre of land, a part of which is a disused stone quarry and on another part is a small building that used to be a smithy.

The oldest part of the house is early to mid C18 and was originally part of a former farm house the rest of which comprises the now separate dwellings of No 6 and No 8.

There is a 1919 addition to the oldest part of the house, and further to the right, when looking at the front of the house, is an extension that was built in 1989.

The garden area has some remnants of farming infrastructure that is believed to have been used for pigs. There is also a significant amount of dry stone walling which is a feature of the area.

Please refer to the listing details (separate document entitled 'Listing details') for more information.

Heritage impact of the proposed works

The proposed works would conserve and enhance the architectural and historical characteristics of the building and would also contribute to its preservation, as follows:

- Authentic lime plaster will be used
- Breathable paint will be used on the plaster
- Bringing the wood burner forward will improve air circulation around the wall behind it and reduce the effects of heat on the wall. It will also help increase the warmth delivered into the kitchen.
- Placing the wood burner on limestone slabs will be replacing an unsightly block of concrete with an authentic material consistent with the historical character of the building.

As stated above, the wooden flooring and concrete slab have no historical or architectural value.