



Written Scheme of Investigation for Orton, 259 Church Road, Milston, Salisbury, SP4 8HT

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This written scheme of investigation (WSI) sets out a proposal for a standing building recording at 259 Church Road, Milston, Salisbury SP4 8HT. This document has been prepared by Dorothy Treasure at Wiltshire Buildings Record, Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Cocklebury Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3QN (charity no. 280382)

1.2 The site at 259 Church Road comprises a small detached house and extension set with its gable end to the street. There are no obvious external historic features excepting the deep, half-hipped double-Roman clay-tiled roof. The rest of the house has modern rendered finishes and UPvc windows. The tall brick chimneys on the north elevation are largely modern, though the easterly is seen to spring from an earlier brick base.

To the north of the house, set back from the road is a modern single-storey extension with a matching tiled roof.

The house is within a small cluster of buildings: historically the church, rectory and manor house. The rectory is listed grade II and now known as Addison House, a building of c1870 with an association with Joseph Addison, the essayist. The manor house is listed grade II* and is dated to 1613.

1.3 The requirement for a historic building record to level 3 of English Heritage Guidelines is a condition of Listed Building Consent Application no. PL/2024/03313; condition 4 as defined by English Heritage (2006) *Understanding Historic Buildings, a Guide to Good Recording Practice*.

Planning condition no.4 states:-

No works shall commence on site until a watching brief has been arranged to be maintained during the course of the demolition works of the existing dwelling to include a recording and research exercise. The watching brief shall be carried out in accordance with a written specification which shall have been first agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, by a professional archaeologist/building recorder or an organisation with acknowledged experience in the recording of standing buildings which is acceptable to the Local Planning Authority.

1.4 No site visit was undertaken to prepare this WSI. At present the building has been recently vacated, but it is understood that full access will be given at a time to be arranged.

2. EXISTING KNOWLEDGE AND SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 No research has yet been undertaken into history of 259 Church Road, Milston by Wiltshire Buildings Record (WBR). A preliminary search reveals that the building probably started as a dame school in c1850.

3. AIMS, OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGY

3.1 The aim of this historic building recording is to fulfil the condition 4 planning requirement by observing the buildings on the site during demolition and recording the results. This will provide a physical and digital record, a copy of which will be retained in the Wiltshire Buildings Record archive based at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, and made available to the public. A search of any existing records will be made and utilised in the resulting report.

3.2 A copy of the architects' survey drawings will be made available and these will be used as a basis for annotation in the report.

3.3 The results will present a photographic and textual record supported by survey drawings, map regression and documentary evidence where relevant, of the structures during demolition. This will be followed by a cautious archaeological interpretation. unless alternative instruction is received.

3.4 Wiltshire Buildings Record will aim to co-operate with the demolition contractor as closely as possible within the duration and scope of this report.