

Heritage Statement

Property: 16 High Street, SN10 4AG

Proposal: Replacement of existing entrance doors and frames

Listed Building Grade: Grade II

1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of an application for listed building consent for replacement of two existing entrance doors at 16 High Street, Market Lavington.

The property is a Grade II listed building of painted brick construction currently in residential use. The principal and subsidiary entrances are located within timber surrounds opening on the front elevation.

2. Existing Situation

The interior of the property dates from C16-C17 and has several features of note; however, the front elevation was refaced in brick in early C19.

The property was previously a hardware shop, and change to residential use was granted in 1997. The two existing entrance doors date from this earlier period of business use, and these are painted timber multi-pane glazed doors set within timber frames and surrounds.

The current doors contribute to the historic character of the building as traditional timber entrance features appropriate to a non-residential building. However, the doors themselves are relatively plain in detailing and provide limited privacy, thermal performance, and residential security due to the extensive single glazing.

3. Proposed Works

The proposal seeks replacement of the two existing glazed timber doors with two painted Accoya timber six-panel doors incorporating two glazed upper lights and matching painted timber frames.

The existing masonry openings and arched head will be retained.

The proposed replacement doors will utilise traditional painted timber construction and traditional panel detailing appropriate to the character of the listed building.

4. Design and Heritage Impact

The proposal has been designed to preserve the character and appearance of the listed building while providing a more appropriate entrance arrangement for the building's current residential use.

The proposed doors adopt a traditional domestic panelled design reflecting many neighbouring residential properties within the street. Upper double-glazed panels are chosen in order to improve thermal efficiency, preserve natural light and maintain visual permeability within the entrance opening.

The proposal retains the existing masonry openings and arched head and therefore preserves the established proportions and character of the frontage. The replacement timber doors and frames will replicate the existing arrangement in scale and traditional appearance while providing a more appropriate residential entrance treatment.

The use of painted Accoya timber ensures that traditional materials and appearance are maintained while improving durability and thermal performance.

The six-panel design was recommended by the Kennet Conservation Officer around 20 years ago during an informal exchange when seeking advice. Furthermore, the double-glazed panels bring the doors into line with the existing double-glazed wooden windows on the front elevation which were previously granted listed building consent.

The proposal is considered to result in less than substantial harm to the significance of the listed building and is justified by the improved residential functionality, privacy, security, and thermal performance of the replacement doors.

5. Conclusion

The proposed replacement doors have been carefully designed to preserve the character and appearance of the listed building through the use of traditional materials, detailing, and proportions.

The works retain the existing openings and surrounding historic fabric and are therefore considered to represent an appropriate and proportionate alteration to the listed building.