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The White House 25A King Street Arundel BN18 9BJ

Listed building consent for the removal of internal spiral staircase from ground floor to basement, reinstating floor, re-opening of original internal brick steps to basement.

The property concerned with this application forms a terrace of cottages whose elevations are treated with beach flint, brick dressings and chimneys. It is two storeys with a pitched slate roof. It once formed part of The Old Ship Public House, and along with the terrace was reputedly built by French Prisoners during Napoleonic wars. It is listed as Grade II and is considered to be of historic and communal significance.

The Property is also located within the Arundel Conservation Area, which is a complex, historic town with properties of many different ages, sizes and appearances.

The proposal involves the removal of a modern spiral staircase which is between the ground floor and the basement, reinstating the floor, as well as re-opening of original internal brick steps to basement. These brick steps remain present in the building as indicated by the information provided as part of the application.

The removal of the modern staircase will not result in the loss of any historic fabric, and would result in the use of the traditional basement stairs which remain within the building. Further, such a proposal will allow the original layout of the property to be reinstated.

It is considered that the application will have a positive impact upon the character of the building, and therefore its significance is not harmed. It is therefore capable of support, subject to appropriate materials being used for the reinstated flooring.

Conclusion

The application is considered to not cause harm to the significance of the heritage asset. As a consequence, it should be determined in accordance with the relevant policies within the Development Plan, along with these comments

You will also need to take into account the contents of sections the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

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