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Town Hall Maltravers Street Arundel BN18 9AP

Listed building consent for the over coating of the existing lead roof to provide a limited life span water proof coating to preserve the existing roof structure and the rooms below. Insertion of ventilation to the perimeter and ridge including two number inspection hatches. Installation of man safe to permit safe access to the roof areas.

The 1830's Town Hall is a Grade II listed building in a Romanesque style. It is defined by its stone triple arched loggia to the north elevation (facing Maltravers Street) and semi-circular windows throughout. The end bays of the north elevation break forward and are continued upwards as towers with a balcony in between at first floor level.

External walls are built of knapped flint with galletting with the polite side being dressed with Pulborough stone changing to yellow brick dressings at side and rear elevations. The loggia and windows to the front are all in Pulborough stone and include roll mouldings and cushion capitals.

A 1950s single storey extension of yellow brick and steel windows is to the south elevation, along with an accessible decked terrace over with guard rails. It was formerly used as a Magistrates Court and contains remnants of its previous use inside.

The building is also located within the Arundel Conservation area and there are a number of listed buildings in the local area. A comprehensive Design and Access and heritage statement has been provided.

The Proposed Works

The application seeks to temporarily repair the lead roof through the use of a waterproof coating, as well as install cross ventilation to the perimeter and ridge to help preserve the timber roof structure. Permission is also sought for the provision of two inspection hatches along with the installation of a man safe point to permit safe access to the roof areas.

The coating to the leadwork is a temporary measure until funds can be secured for the replacement of the existing leadwork, and for which Listed Building Consent has already been granted. It is a matt grey colour and based on its location behind the parapet is such that it will not be visible. It is noted that the intention is to only make minor changes to allow for abutment and ridge ventilation as currently there is none. This ventilation will allow air flow to the underside of the timber roof structure to help to deal with existing condensation problems which have led to deterioration of the roof structure.

The additional inspection hatches will allow access to the roof void and the installation of two new heat/smoke detectors in the roof void will help to improve fire security. It is thought that these will only affect material installed as part of the last repair to the roof structure in the 1990's, which is of no significance. They have also been carefully designed so as to not be clearly seen.

Further, the installation of man safe unit will not be clearly visible and considered necessary for the safe access of the roof.

Conclusion

It is considered that the proposal will not harm the significance of the heritage assets. 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 the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

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