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2 Maltravers Street Arundel BN18 9AP

1 No externally illuminated hanging sign & 1 No externally illuminated informational sign

Nos 2 & 4 Maltravers Street is a Grade II Listed Building, which is located in the Arundel Conservation Area. They are Mid C19 Terraced houses which have red brick on the ground floor, with black brick stringcourses and voussoirs. Ashlar window sills. The first floor is timber-framed with rendered panels. Pitched tile roof with bands of fish-scale tiles. Red brick chimneys with black brick stringcourses, and much cornicing. 2 storeys. Both houses have 1 segment-headed oak door with ashlar steps up (3 to No 2, 2 to No 4), and one 3-light casement window with segmental relieving arch and diagonal lead glazing bars. 1st floor jettied, coved moulding at ends of joists, some of which are taken on brackets standing on ashlar corbels.

Both houses have a gable end to the street with bargeboards and some projecting purlins. No 2 has 1 single-light easement and one 2-light casement, both with diagonal lead glazing bars. No 4 has one single-light casement, and 1 mullion-and-transom window with casements, both with diagonal lead glazing bars. The building is of architectural and historical significance.

Nos 2 to 10 (even) form a group with Nos 69 & 71 High Street, and with the raised pavements on the north side of Maltravers Street.

One of the principal attractions of Arundel is its wealth of buildings representing architectural form and style through progressive periods, which form a cohesive and contained hillside town. Although there are few buildings which at first sight date from earlier than the 18th Century, there is a good deal of concealed Tudor timber work and many of the present buildings have foundations which go back to medieval times, when the town grew as a market settlement.

There are two-very attractive streets, leading westwards from High Street: one of which is Maltravers Street, which is located towards the top of the hill and is carved into the hillside with a raised carriageway on the northern side. The street contains a great variety of distinctive houses.

The Proposal

The proposal is for one externally illuminated hanging sign and one externally illuminated informational sign. A separate application for listed building consent also covers the other elements of the proposals, namely the change of colour of the door and the use.

The town centre contains number of uses including residential, restaurant and retail. The information panel and light, along with the new hanging sign are a simple design and do not cause harm to the appearance or significance of the building and are therefore considered to be acceptable. When installing the signage and lighting the applicant should stick to the principles of reversibility so that no part of the installation leaves a permanent scar. This means using methods like only fixing into mortar joints and not the brick.

Conclusion

The application is considered to not cause harm to 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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