

18a/18b Tarrant Street Arundel Bn18 9DJ
Application no. PP-07849223

Design and Access Statement

The design intention is to create a fully stand alone garden home, accessed directly from Tarrant Street. The acquisition of 18b allows to the existing Piano Store house [18a] to achieve this, after years of either being served by a tortuous narrow fenced footway around the periphery of Sparks Yard [18] or latterly, only by a right of way access through Sparks Yard's garden.

Building 18b is at last made sense of, as a result of this proposal. Maybe even returning to its original function. The small scale of the 18b building, with no internal stairway connecting its two floors, makes it inappropriate as a stand alone home. Its uses over the past 30 years since it was split from number 18 have, as a direct result of its own scale and access issues, been marginal. This is the opportunity to make sense of two buildings, whilst creating a high quality in-house access element of number 18a's hidden garden. The stairway will not be a dark, dank liability any more, but will become one of Arundel's secret treasures!

The proposed design solution is illustrated in the submitted drawings and described in the Heritage Statement. Access to the building will remain as it currently is, a stairway. But in this new configuration a stairway between two parts of the same home. A stairway which is also more than wide enough to install either a stair chair-lift or platform-lift if either service or disabled access is required.

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