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Proposed enclosure of open sided carport (This application may affect the character and appearance of the Norton Lane Conservation Area)

The Old Stables are located in the Hamlet of Norton in a cluster of former agricultural buildings. These buildings are now used for residential purposes, having been the result of a series of planning applications.

I note that the application site is part within, and part immediately adjoining the Norton Lane Conservation Area. Norton is a small, rural settlement, which retains an agricultural character. There is a variety in building form, style, age and materials. Space between buildings is important to the rural character of the settlement, as is the brick and flint boundary walling of various heights, mature hedging and trees and verges. It is of historic and aesthetic significance.

The proposal

The proposal is to enclose an open sided carport so that it can be used as part of the residential accommodation. It is assumed that the space will form more of a studio space based on the intended means of enclosing the structure i.e. bi-fold doors. Such a proposal would reflect the character of both the site and surrounding area and would not result in any harm. This is on the basis that the joinery and materials should match that already on the site in terms of materials, appearance and colour.

Conclusion

The application is considered to not cause harm to the significance of the heritage assets or their setting. 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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