

Heritage Statement

This Heritage Statement is in support of my Householder planning application for the replacement of windows at Hopgarden Cottage, Westergate Street, Westergate PO20 3RJ. This replacement has become necessary due to significant deterioration of existing windows.

Hopgarden Cottage is Grade Two Listed. The philosophy underlying this proposed replacement is to wholly protect the appearance of the cottage and the fabric of the property, given its historic importance. Hence, the same level of care and expenditure is planned for the 18th century portion as well as the 20th century portion. The windows are designed to be as near a 'like for like' replacement and will not detract from the property's appearance. The other benefit of such windows will be the improved thermal efficiency resulting in decreased use of central heating and hence, reduction of the carbon footprint of the property while entirely retaining the historic character of the cottage. No alterations to the appearance or architectural quality of the existing dwelling are planned.

It is suggested that this proposal will protect the property for current and future occupants without detracting from the appearance or the architecture. While only a small portion of the property is visible from the street, it is suggested that the proposal will ensure that it is seen as a positive contribution to the historic fabric of the property.

Signed electronically,

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