

Heritage statement

Hook Place is a semi-detached property thought to have been originally constructed in the latter part of the seventeenth century. However, it was partly or wholly reconstructed in the mid nineteenth century and has undergone a number of extensions and alterations since that time.

This application relates to the following two proposals:

1. The replacement of the wooden driveway gates at the main entrance to the property on Hook Lane, facing East. The existing gates are rotten, decaying further and unsafe. The gates will be replaced on a like for like basis and will be automated in order to improve the security of the property.
2. Three woodburners will be installed on the ground floor of the house in existing working fireplaces marked 1, 2 and 3 on Plan A. Woodburners 1 and 2 will replace existing open fires. Woodburner 3 will replace an existing woodburner which is very old and environmentally unfriendly. The house is difficult to heat, and the heating system requires a boost. However, the open fires are environmentally damaging. Each of the proposed woodburners will be compliant with the government's new "eco-design" proposals. Air-vents will be included in line with building regulations.

It is not considered that the proposed works will have any impact on the special character of the listed building or structure or its setting. In particular, the wooden gates will be replaced on a like for like basis. Further, the woodburners will be of a traditional cast-iron type (as per the existing model) and are intended to preserve the character of the property without damaging the environment.