

HERITAGE STATEMENT

THE FORGE, OLD FORGE HOUSE, ANGMERING

The works comprise repairs to the walls of the property and strengthening of the roof frame, all as detailed on drawings 10341/01 & 02 which accompany the Listed Building Consent application.

The works do not include any excavation of the site and on that basis an analysis of the archaeology has not been carried out.

The exact date of construction of the property is unknown. However, it is thought the original structure may have been built in the order of 200 years ago although local history cannot confirm the exact date. The original walls are largely intact consisting of a mixture of flint, brick and render. There is evidence of alterations on the west elevation with a bricked up door frame and window frame. Further evidence of more recent alterations included new windows and doors on the south and north elevations, and the installation of two large timber doors on the east elevation. It is thought that these changes occurred approximately 12 years ago. There is evidence of alterations to the timber roof trusses in notched details which can be seen on the roof trusses. The date of these alterations is unknown.

The principle of the repairs to the building is to retain the existing building in its present state, including previous alterations and repairs, and to strengthen the roof by installing new bolted connections to the trusses. It is considered that retaining the existing and previous repairs will preserve the building structure's history.

The purpose of the repairs is to endeavour to prolong the life of the building and to reduce further cracking and movement in the structure. Our preliminary report dated 29th November 2011 is attached within Appendix A.