

**ADC Planning Consultation
Conservation/Design Officer Response**

Application Number	BE/97/17/L – Rambler Cottage Shripney
Address	Rambler Cottage Shripney PO22 9NR
Description	Listed Building Consent to change thatching material from combed wheat to water reed
Case Officer	Mr S Davis
Date	25.10.17

Rambler Cottage is a c1699, Grade II Listed dwelling in Shripney Lane, and within Shripney Conservation Area.

The application is made subsequent to a fire, which has destroyed thatch to the roof.

The fire damaged roof comprised combed wheat. However, the expert opinion of Chris Tomkins, Master Thatcher, has been sought who confirms the previous base layer to be water reed (with a dressing of combed wheat). It would be normal in this lowland area, for roofing to have been water reed. Dr Wightman had given email pre-app advice and confirmed similar.

The work should be undertaken by a suitably qualified Thatcher, and vernacular dressings/ridge be applied. It is a character of thatch that an element of individuality be included in the ridge if wished, so there is no objection to this.

There is **no objection** to this application.

Clare Dales
Principal Conservation Officer
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