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Barnham Court is one of a few surviving and intact Artisan Mannerist buildings that possesses significant architectural and historic interest. It is described as being an unusual mid C17 house in the style of Kew Palace and Broome Park, Kent. It is three storeys with five windows and constructed in red brick. There is a brick cornice above ground floor, and another heavier one with modillions above the first floor. Each window bay on ground and first floors is flanked by brick pilasters. It has three shaped Dutch gables and a tiled roof, along with sash windows with glazing bars. Rusticated brick doorway with triglyph frieze and pediment. There are also C19 additions of lower elevation to the south.

The Listed Building is also located within the Barnham Conservation Area. The Conservation Area includes the original medieval settlement of Barnham, lying to the south of the principal village. It is surrounded by agricultural land, and as a consequence it has a distinctive rural character with buildings of various styles, ages and materials; principally brick, flint, plain clay tiles and natural slate.

An informal pattern of development enhances the rural character, together with mature planting, flint boundary walling and grass verges. It is of aesthetic (fortuitous) significance.

The Proposal

The proposal is for the following works, some of which have already been installed:

- Erection of a trellis,

- 1 x vehicular gate and 1 x pedestrian gate,
- 2 x vegetal pergolas and
- vehicular gates at both entrances to property

I provide the following comments:

Trellis: The trellis is already in place and has been designed to support a climbing white rose, which has not been planted yet. It is not attached to the flint walling and forms a standalone structure. It is considered that once the rose has been planted it will have a pleasant effect

Vehicular and Pedestrian Gates: The vehicular gate and pedestrian gates have already been installed and are of a design and appearance that does not detract from the established character of the area.

Vegetal Pergolas (proposed): The two-vegetal pergola will be located in the garden area to the front of the site and are intended to be plant support structures in the Anglo-Dutch garden. They will be located between the existing northern and southern hornbeam hedges and form part of the existing garden layout. It is considered that whilst they are large in scale, that they will complement the existing garden layout and on balance have a neutral impact upon the heritage assets.

Vehicular gates at both entrances to property fronting Church Lane: it is noted that the gates will be attached to pre-existing oak posts. These are to be of a similar design to others nearby on the site. The intention to ensure that one set of the gates remains open at all times is supported as it will allow some views of the drive to remain. It is therefore considered that, on balance, the presence of these gates will not harm the character of the local area, nor the setting of the other assets in the local area.

The design of the gates and their colour should match the other existing gates on the application site

Conclusion

On balance it is considered that the proposal 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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