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Heritage Impact Statement

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The Application

1.1. The proposal is for the installation of a biodigester system at Clymping Mill on Climping Street. A system is proposed to collect and process waste water created on site and safely discharge this filtered water into a drainage field.

1.2. The wider site has undergone a series of alterations in order to enhance the various buildings and landscaping contained within its curtilage. This statement focuses solely on the biodigester system and associated drainage.

Existing Site

2.1. The Clymping Mill site covers approximately 1.6ha of rural land within close proximity to the coast to the South, a golf course to the East and agricultural land to the West and North. The site is accessed via a private track off Climping Street, which leads to a private driveway.

2.2. The wider application site contains a series of buildings, namely the Grade II Listed Clymping Mill House and smaller ancillary buildings within its curtilage, Mill Cottage and Thatch Cottage. There are additional non-Listed ancillary buildings that resemble portacabin type structures.

Planning History

3.1. There is an extensive planning history for the site which covers various areas such as the individual Listed buildings and other landscaping works on the site. There are however no directly relevant applications in relation to underground drainage.

Biodigester System

4.1. A system is proposed to collect and filter waste water that is produced in the various buildings within the site and safely discharge them into a land drain. The system is designed to be a low impact environmentally friendly method of dealing with the waste water produced on site.

4.2. The system comprises of two tanks that are located below ground away from the existing buildings. There is a primary settlement tank, which collects the waste water, and a secondary treatment tank that processes and subsequently discharges clean water. This filtered water is then pumped out into a field drain located along the boundary of the site.

Heritage Impact

5.1. Due to the location of the system within the curtilage of the Grade II Listed buildings, the impact upon its setting must be assessed. As described above, the system contains drainage pipework and processing tanks that are located adjacent to the Listed buildings.

5.2. The drains are all located below ground and positioned such that they are routed away from the buildings. There are no runs that pass under any of the buildings and they are located such that they do not undermine any existing foundations. The underground drainage does not constitute development, and it can be seen that their positioning does not adversely affect the Listed buildings.

5.3. The tanks themselves are also buried underground with a single inlet air vent that projects above the ground level by approximately 300mm. This vent is located directly above the secondary filtration tank and so again is not located within close proximity of the n

5.4. It is proposed to locate the Biodigester in the same position as the existing cesspit, which is in a wooded area away from the listed buildings. The primary tank has an outlet air vent which is required to terminate at high level and away from any potential activity. It is proposed that this vent will be camouflaged by existing and newly planted trees.

5.5. Due to the siting and location of the underground system, and the discreet nature of the air vents, it is considered that there will be no loss of character or harm caused to the setting of the Listed building.