

Heritage Statement **Car Parking Shelter - The Old Barn - Ferring**

1. Introduction

This planning application relates to the erection of a car parking shelter within the courtyard of the Old Barn and Annex Building, Grade II Listed buildings within Ferring Conservation Area.

The proposal involves (i) the erection of an open sided single storey structure with a clay tile roof and oak beams and posts.

The location for the proposed car parking shelter relates to the already allocated positions for car parking spaces within the courtyard.

2. The Site, Buildings and Location

The building complex is a group of three buildings namely; (i) the Old Barn, (ii) the Annex Building and (iii) the Warehouse. The building complex is fronted by a concreted Courtyard area. The buildings are visible from Ferringham Lane and Church Lane.

A detailed survey of the site indicates that the buildings were originally an early 18th century farm courtyard. The design and use of materials in the Main Barn are typical of a Sussex Coastal agricultural complex.

The Main Barn was supported by two single storey side wings, which was typical building configuration for this farming activity. The southern wing was extensively rebuilt in the 1930's. There is evidence on the north boundary wall of the Courtyard of a similar structure. The evidence is the age of the flintwork, the remaining brick ventilation apertures and the flint and brick arched infill panel in the northeast elevation of the Main Barn. (See photographs 1 to 5)

The proposed car parking shelter will be located in a portion of the area of the original north wing and will be architecturally sensitive to the existing buildings.

3. The Proposed Car Parking Shelter – Design Typology

The original farm complex was for threshing wheat and other related farming operations and carts supporting these activities would have been kept on site.

The proposed Car Parking Shelter has been designed to reflect a typical Sussex cart shelter. Examples of this type of structure can be seen at the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum in West Sussex.

This typology of an ancillary farming building has been used as a template for the proposed design of the Car Parking Shelter. (See photographs 6 to 10).

4. Conclusion

The proposed car parking shelter is a modest structure that will not harm the character of the existing buildings. The proposed designs and details for the Car Parking Shelter seek enhance the setting of the Courtyard and the visual amenity of the streetscape when viewed from Ferringham Lane and Church Lane.