

Design and Access 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.

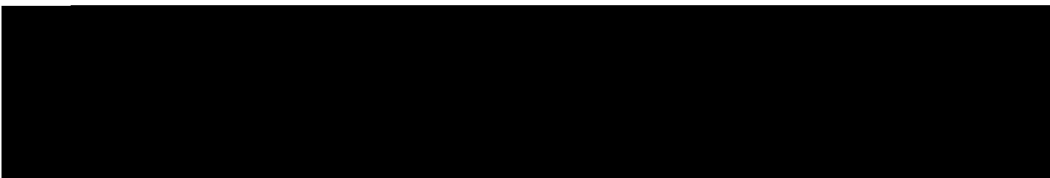
2. The Site, Buildings and Location

The site area is 0.092 hectares and the building complex is located in the historic centre of the Ferring Conservation Area and is within the historic mix of the Parish Church, St Andrews, original farmhouse and its ancillary farm buildings.

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

2.1 The Courtyard

The Courtyard is defined by The Old Barn to the west, the Annex Building to the south and a low flint wall to the north and east boundary. The front Courtyard is covered with in-situ concrete. The northern boundary wall of the Courtyard shows evidence of a single storey wing that connected with the east elevation of the Old Barn. The northern section within the east elevation of the Old Barn there is a flint infill panel that shows evidence of the existence of a previous structure to the North side of the Courtyard. See Photographs 1 to 4 .Vehicular access to the Courtyard is from Ferringham Lane.



3. Background to the Proposed Development

Planning consent for Change of Use and Listed Building Consent was granted for the Old Barn and Annex Building on May 2012 – Ref: FG/4/12L and FG/6/12.

The approved scheme allocates four new off street car parking spaces at the northeast boundary of the Courtyard.

4. Proposed Development Particulars

The current proposal entails the construction of a simple open sided shelter to be erected on the footprint of two of the allocated car parking spaces.

The proposed construction technique would not require excavating the existing concrete hard-standing or disturbing the root protection area. Four steel base plates will be anchored to the existing concrete hard-standing and will give support to the four oak posts carrying the roof structure. (See Arboricultural Report)

The proposed car parking shelter is 5 meters deep, 6 meters wide with a roof ridge of 3.275 meters high. The supporting structure will be oak and the clay roof tiles to match those of the Old Barn (See Febo Designs Drawing No 3215-003).

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. (See Heritage Statement and Photographs 6 to 10)

5. Conclusion

The proposed car parking shelter is a modest structure that will not harm the character of the existing buildings and will make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

