

Planning Statement

4 Laburnum Close
Ferrign
WORTHING
West Sussex
BN12 5EJ

Applicant: Mr Murray Coughtrey (Owner)

We are proposing to apply a sand and cement render to all existing walls of the property, as we believe by rendering, it will add weather proofing and improve the fabric of the property, in addition the render will tie in and make uniform the existing exterior walls; and will cause no harm to overall look and feel of the property. At present, each of the walls have varying degrees of damage, as detailed below.

The previous owners had already applied white paint to two of the walls on the front elevation of the property, the other front wall has been damaged by invasive ivy planted by them. The south wall is in significant disrepair due to weather and will require entirely repointing. Previous owners have also attached many items to the walls which we have already, or intend to remove, which means >100 holes require filling. The property is currently the worst looking in the Close. For these combined reasons, this has led us to the conclusion that we need to clad the building to bring it up to standard and to a consistent improved appearance. We consider rendering as one of the least contentious and inexpensive options. There are other properties in and around Ferring which are either part or fully rendered.

We have made changes to the size of the existing openings to the rear of the property, as well as slight modifications to side window and door openings. This has meant we have had to try and match the new bricks to the original ones. This has been difficult and rendering would make the look of the walls more uniform. We have been working with Building Control, regarding a plan of works which includes new openings to windows and doors. Whilst we have made attempts to reuse existing bricks it has not been possible for all the works. Copy enclosed.

Planning permission was not required as the changes to the property were all internal and under permitted development. Arun Building control have visited the property and signed off the proposed internal changes, predominantly related to new steel works.

We would like to avoid any issues with neighbours and believe this is a fair solution.

This is the first time I have ever written a planning statement, so I would be happy to discuss this proposal any time; and would appreciate your help to confirm your decision at the earliest opportunity in the new year.

Thank you for your consideration.