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# Heritage Statement

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# Extension and Remodelling

at

# 1 St. Nicholas Cottages, Houghton, West Sussex, BN18 9LW

## Historical Context

1 St. Nicholas Cottages is one of a pair of semi-detached Norfolk Estate properties, built in 1847, overlooking the River Arun flood plain.

Both cottages are Grade II listed and were built originally as the Vicarage to St. Nicholas Church which is situated to the north of the cottages. St Nicholas Church itself was virtually rebuilt in 1857 but in a simple, understated manner retaining much of the original 13th century character.

The cottages, likewise, are simple in style, arranged on two floors with gables to the north and south ends. No. 1 is constructed of red brickwork with blue headers and lime mortar jointing. Stone lintels feature above window openings on the west elevation with stone quoins to the central window above the porch and stone copings to the gables. The roof comprises natural grey slates and the chimneys are distinctive forms with brick and stone bases, lozenge shape stacks and cream coloured pots.

Two stone plaques, one to the west and the other to the south gable confirm the date and are decorated with the letter 'N' and a coronet. The buildings were listed in 1984.

## Proposal

In 2007 Dr and Mrs Shaw purchased the property with the intention of restoring and enhancing the original characteristics. The replacement windows and lean-to conservatory/log store in particular have damaged the integrity of the property.

The proposal includes for the removal of the lean-to conservatory in order to achieve the construction of a single storey extension built in a manner to complement the cottage. The south facing bay with picture frame windows is to be removed in order to achieve an extended bay with traditional lead clad roof and wood core rolls.

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