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**HERITAGE STATEMENT
TO ACCOMPANY LISTED BUILDING APPLICATION
FOR RESTORATION OF FRONT GARDEN WALL
GRADE II RESIDENTIAL DWELLING**

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DESCRIPTION

This residential dwelling house was built in the mid 19th century. It is a two storey property of the Georgian architectural period with a traditional stucco façade, wooden glazing bar sash windows to the front elevation and flint and brickwork elevations to the rear. It forms part of a small group of properties of similar age, style and build, with rendered entrance pillars, iron gates and railings. The street scene is predominantly residential of a gentile influence.

The property is set within a Conservation Area within Arun District Council in the County of West Sussex.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This residential dwelling house forms part of a small group of buildings of similar age and style and is attached to two other properties. Furthermore there is a similar pair of properties adjacent. This style of architecture is important in the local heritage for the preservation of historic buildings in the area and forms a unique presence within the local environment.

DESIGN CONCEPT

The elevations of the property have been entirely retained as existing and accordingly the existing general character and appearance have been preserved.

There will be no loss or changes to any historic fabric in the restoration of the front wall. Furthermore the introduction of garden entrance pillars to this property will create uniformity of the listed terrace.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE WORKS

The proposed restoration works are deemed necessary as part of extensive dilapidations to the front garden wall. All necessary works will be executed using traditional building methods and the use of lime mortars and National Trust approved naturally breathable paints. All building practices will be carried out by entirely specialist artisans in their field, resulting in a sympathetic execution of these necessary works. This proposal will further preserve the building and local area.

IMPACT

This proposal will only enhance the front elevation of the property and does not involve any loss to any original features and is visible from the public viewpoint. Furthermore there will be a positive visible impact on the street scene.

SUMMARY

The proposed restoration of this front garden wall will be implemented with particular attention to detail in order to preserve the special appearance and character of the building. The quality of the workmanship throughout will only further enhance the building and its historical importance with the street scene and local area. The proposed lime rendered pillars will be constructed of the exact same proportions as the attached properties of number 8 and number 10 and natural stone copings will be set atop the newly lime rendered walls with the reinstatement of a natural iron garden gate with railings to compliment a visually pleasing garden to attract local wildlife.