

HERITAGE STATEMENT.

Re: The Old House,
37 East Street,
Littlehampton,
West Sussex.
BN17 6AU.

The works involved comprise of the demolition of chimney No.2 in the centre of the main roof down to the fracture line within the roof area and re-building it to a height of six course brickwork less than the existing.

The works do not include any excavation on the site and on that basis an analysis of the archaeology has not been carried out.

The exact date of construction of the property is unknown, however now that the original roof structure has been exposed it is thought that property dates back to the 17th century. The roof structure has been altered to the rear of the property and also includes a roof conversion with bedrooms within the original roof space together with a permanent access staircase. The original roof has a traditional cut and pitched timber construction with purlins and struts into a mixture of stud and masonry internal load bearing walls. Many of the original rafter timbers are half and quarter rounds supporting hand made clay plain tiles on battens as previously mentioned the internal walls are a mixture of studwork and masonry with evidence of previous alterations to the internal walls in places. The external walls appear to be solid masonry construction and are a mixture of brickwork and coursed flint work. The repairs to the main roof structure are currently in progress as detailed in the Listed Building Consent ref: LU/332/08/L dated the 4/2/2009.

After the erection of the scaffold for these works a closer inspection was carried out to chimney No.2 and it was discovered to be structurally unstable. A Listed Building Consent Application has now been submitted for the demolition of this chimneystack and reconstruction to a height of six course brickwork less than the existing.

The purpose of the works to the chimneys is to endeavour to prolong the life of the entire building and prevent further significant damage.

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