

STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ARGYLL HOUSE, 1 RIVER ROAD, LITTLEHAMPTON, WEST SUSSEX BN17 5BN

INTRODUCTION

This statement has been prepared in support of an application for permission to:

1. Replace an out-of-character door to the basement and paint in a heritage grey colour.
2. Repaint the main entrance door in the same heritage grey colour as the basement door.
3. Erect a wooden shed in the enclosed garden to the rear of the property.
4. Install a traditional cast iron woodburner in the existing fireplace in the living room.
5. Install a radiator in the ground floor cloakroom.
6. Change the floor covering in the study.

DESIGN PROPOSALS

The aim of the proposed work is to develop the property to improve its appearance, utility and flexibility.

1. Install Georgian-style front door to basement and paint in heritage grey colour. Replacing an out-of-character door (see figures *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-existing-basement-door.png* and *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-existing-basement-door-inside.png*) with an appropriate period design of wooden construction and painting it in a heritage grey will only improve visual appeal and help return the property to an appropriate C19th appearance.
2. Repaint existing front door in heritage grey colour to match basement door. Door is currently pink! (see figure *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-existing-main-front-door.png*).
3. Erect a wooden shed in rear garden approximately 8 x 10 feet in size to allow motorcycles, bicycles and garden implements and tools to be stored. It will be anonymous in design but also not significantly visible – if at all – from any other property due to the garden of Argyll House being completely enclosed by stone wall to minimum height of circa 9ft (see figures *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-proposed-shed-site.png* and *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-proposed-shed-site-2.png*). The shed will also be painted in a heritage grey colour.
4. Install traditional cast iron woodburner in the living room to enhance the look and feel of the room and help prevent damp in the chimney and walls (see figure *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-fireplace.png*). It is also safer and more fuel-efficient than an open fire (see figure *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-proposed-woodburner.png*).
5. The study and cloakroom make up a pre-listed single-story ground floor extension. This is single-skin and very cold and damp. A radiator in the cloakroom would help prevent damp and the addition of wooden flooring over the current tiles would aid heat retention and be easier to maintain with footfall to and from the garden (see figures *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-cloakroom.jpg* and *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-existing-study-floor.jpg*).

HERITAGE

Historical Context. The architectural survey and legal enquiries prior to purchase dated it as being built in 1823. It is architecturally in its current form, although at some point the front wall was rendered and formal gates and railings added (see figure *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-historic-River-Road.png*). It was Grade II listed on 21 August 1975 and is included in a plan of the Littlehampton River Road Conservation Area designated 00:06:1989 (see figure *Argyll-House-BN17-5BN-conservation-area-map.png*).

History and development. The description of the property in the conservation listing (NGR: TQ0264102032) notes the features of interest as: C19th construction. Cement rendered. Cornice and parapet. Glazing bar sashes, wide on ground and 1st floors, except for altered left hand window of 1st floor. Steps to porch Doric columns, entablature containing segmental arch to front. Panelled door, top 2 panels glazed, and panelled reveals. The roof is of slate.

At some point prior to the Grade II listing in 1975, a single-storey extension was built at the rear to add a small office and cloakroom.

Interior Features. Many original features including 8 fireplaces. Plaster corning and ceiling roses to most rooms. Original staircase with wooden panelling to understairs and part of entrance hall wall. Original sash windows to living room and bedrooms to front of property. Basement kitchen has been modernised in recent years and now has an Aga in the old fireplace recess. Most of the property retains the original floorboards which have been stripped and varnished. Internal doors are panelled wood.