

HERITAGE STATEMENT:

Project

Proposed changes to Summerhouse at Priory Farm Barn, Station Road, Arundel, BN18 9PH

Heritage Features of Location

Priory Farm Barn stands on land that was once part of Calceto Priory :-

“Queen Adelisa, the widow of Henry I, who married as her second husband William de Albini, Earl of Arundel, founded a small house here for Augustinian Canons at some time before 1151. It was dedicated to St Bartholomew and was known as the Priory de Calceto or of the Causeway. It was suppressed by Cardinal Wolsey in 1524.”

The Barn itself was probably never part of the Priory Buildings, but it incorporates an old farm building that is likely to have been built using materials recovered from the ecclesiastical establishment.

What remains of the Priory is incorporated into Priory Farmhouse that is on an adjacent site, which, unlike at least five other mediaeval ecclesiastical priories or convents nearby which are either Grade 1 listed or in one case a Scheduled Ancient monument, is only Grade II listed.

There are a number of field flint and brickwork walls on the application site, mostly to the south of Priory Farm Barn, some of which may contain parts of early structures, but the proposed work is remote from all of these and does not involve removing or altering any existing structures. The majority of the fences and walling close to the proposed works are relatively new, dating to the separation of the Barn from Priory Farmhouse.

The only work that will involve excavation is the installation of a drain and other pipework that would connect to the existing sewage treatment plant and to pipework in Priory Farm Barn.

No ancient structures are visible above ground on this part of the site.