

**Application for Listed Building Planning Consent
for the fixing of a commemorative Blue Plaque to a gate pillar
at 47 The Street Rustington**

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

The features of the site

The proposed location for a blue plaque commemorating Rhoda and Agnes Garrett is on the western face of a pillar on the northwest corner of the garden adjoining 47 The Street, Rustington. The pillar is approximately one and a half metres high and stands alongside a metal gate providing pedestrian access to the garden and the house. The pillar is approximately 20 metres from the house. There are hedges on the northern and western boundaries of the garden.

The house itself is a Grade II listed building dating from around the 18th century. It is faced with flints with red brick dressings, quoins and modillion eaves cornice. There is a hipped tiles roof. The glazing bars are intact. The doorway has a moulded architrave surround with pediment over.

The brick and flint pillar is of traditional design with a stone capping. It is not itself of historic importance but is in keeping with the appearance of the house. The pedestrian gateway adjoining the pillar faces across a private drive (the property of the owner of No. 47) bordering a neighbouring property and providing car access to No. 47 and to another neighbouring property to the south.

Because of the special architectural or historic interest of this section of The Street, Rustington, it was designated a conservation area on 27th July 1994.

The scale and appearance of the proposed development and how Heritage Assets issues have been addressed

The proposed development, namely the fixing of a blue plaque to the pillar as described, therefore has to respect the immediate surroundings and the conservation area as a whole.

The blue plaque will be of traditional design, circular in shape with white lettering on a blue background, as seen on many historic buildings throughout the UK, including listed buildings. The diameter of the plaque would be 230mm, in order to be in proportion to the pillar on which it is to be mounted. It will be fixed at head height on the side of the pillar which faces across the private driveway, rather than on the side which faces across the public highway. The plaque will be legible to anyone walking along the public pavement past the private driveway, but it will not be visible from the house itself. *The wording and layout of the plaque are shown in a separate document.*

Neighbours residing in properties adjoining No. 47 have been consulted by the property owner and no objections to the installation or position of the plaque have been received.

How access issues have been addressed

The design, size and position of the proposed blue plaque do not present any changes to the present access to the site, including pedestrian and car access, car parking and setting down, or visibility of entrances. There are no implications for any duties which the applicant may have under the Equality Act 2010 (incorporating the Disability Discrimination Act 1995).

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