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Walberton Park The Street Walberton BN18 0PJ

Listed Building consent for the removal of the existing tiles, battens and felt of the west wing roof and replace with new (like for like). The roof will be rebuilt in a similar construction, utilising similar materials. New materials will be sourced to match the existing style, colour

Walberton Park is a Grade II* Listed Building which was built in 1817 by Robert Prime and the architect Robert Smirke. It is a two-storey stuccoed building with cornice and parapet. Portico of eight fluted Doric columns the whole length of the house. Modern service wings to north, along with a large extension forming modern apartments. The latter being constructed in the early 1980's. It has been identified as one of the best Regency country houses in Sussex.

There are a number of other listed building in close proximity including the Gate piers and boundary wall of Walberton House (the northeast of the house), nearby church and Manor Lodge. Further the building is located within the Walberton Village Conservation Area. The conservation area focuses on the historic core of the village and is linear in nature focusing on The Street, the Church and Walberton Park.

The Proposal

The proposal is, essentially, to replace the defective roof slates with new ones on the large extension which contains the modern apartments. Such works seem to be logical as an

appropriate means of ensuring that the building remains in a good state of repair. It is noted that the intention is for materials to match the existing ones.

The Method Statement indicates that the existing slates will be replaced with Spanish natural slates. Whilst the use of a natural slate is clearly acceptable, it is very important that the new slates should be of an appropriate colour/shade. Therefore, it might be suitable for a sample or details of the slate to be provided in order to ensure that it is appropriate for the Grade II* Listed Building. Such information could be provided by way of condition if you are to recommend approval.

Conclusion

The application is considered to not cause harm to the significance of the heritage assets or their setting. As a consequence, it should be determined in accordance with the relevant policies within the Development Plan, along with these comments. You will also need to take into account the contents of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

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