

Heritage Statement

The **Heritage Statement** is for the applicant or agent to identify the heritage asset(s) that have the potential to be affected by the proposals and their setting. Please read the **guidance notes** provided at the back of this report to help you fill in the form correctly.

Appendix 1 relates to the **Historic Environment Record (HER) Consultation Report**. You must state whether or not supporting data from the HER is required.

There are 3 options:

- HER report attached (this must be completed by the Historic Environment Record Team)
- HER report not considered necessary – email attached from HER
- HER report not required by the Local Planning Authority as detailed on the relevant website validation requirements

Please tick the relevant box at the **back of this form** as to which option applies.

Both the **Heritage Statement** and the **Historic Environment Record Consultation report (Appendix 1)** must be completed in order to meet validation requirements of the Local Planning Authority – tick the boxes on the right hand side below to confirm the sections completed.

Note: All fields are **mandatory**. Failure to fully complete all fields may result in the form not being validated by the **Local Planning Authority (LPA)**.

To be completed by the applicant – please tick relevant boxes	
1. Heritage Statement completed	X
2. Appendix 1 completed	X

Heritage Statement

Site name

13 High Street

**Address of site
(including postcode)**

13 High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HG

Grid Reference

1. Schedule of Works

Please state the type of proposal e.g. extension to a listed building, internal alterations

Householder planning application:

Remove single-storey rear extension and replace with a larger single-storey rear/side extension

Please list the works proposed e.g. replacement windows, removal of internal wall, reinstatement of original staircase, damp proofing works to basement etc.

Remove the existing single-storey rear extension
Add a single-storey rear/side extension with windows, doors, rooflights and associated landscaping

2. Pre Application Advice

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from the relevant local planning authority?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

Have you consulted the West Sussex Historic Environment Record, as the minimum requirement of the NPPF?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please provide the reasons why not below, including any correspondence with the HER/LPA archaeological advisor or LPA validation team:

If Yes, please attach any correspondence to this Heritage Statement in Appendix 1 (including the HER Consultation Report)

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from Historic England?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

3. What heritage asset(s), including their setting, are potentially affected by the proposals? (Please tick the relevant boxes below)

1: Scheduled Monument (SM)	☐
2. Listed Building (LB)	☒
3. Conservation Area (CA) and/or Area of Character	☒
4. Registered Park and Garden (RPG)	☐
5. Locally Listed Heritage Asset (LLHA)	☐
6. Archaeological Notification Area (ANA)	☒
7. Other Non-Designated Heritage Asset (including below ground archaeology)	☒

4. What is known about the affected heritage asset(s)?

4 (a). Using the information obtained through research and on-site analysis provide a summary of the history of the site/building.

Please add a summary history of the site/building including specifically the parts that will be impacted by the proposals – e.g. how the site/building was originally laid out, how it has evolved, phases of construction and/or change. Please also provide information on past impacts – e.g. modern extension, drainage, former footings, recent landscaping, gardening. **Please include / attach any research material as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.**

Lindfield Conservation Area: designated in 1969 in recognition of the special architectural quality and historic interest of the High Street and the area around the Common.

Listed Buildings – all listed in 1970:

- Drinking Fountain and Animal Drinking Trough (1025479)
- Pelham House (1103101)
- St Anne's (1025480)

Possible non-designated heritage asset: above and below ground remains of a previous building on a similar footprint to the current 13 High Street.

ANA defined due to the Medieval Historic Core of Lindfield as identified through the Historic Towns Project (Extensive Urban Survey).

Application site: Victorian semi-detached, two-storey property with outrigger and later rear extension.

4 (b) What research have you undertaken to understand the significance of the heritage asset(s) affected?

Please tick the relevant boxes

HER	☒
West Sussex Record Office	☐
Map regression (historic maps)	☒
Historic Buildings Survey	☐
Historic England sources	☒
Museum or Library (please provide details)	☐
Other (please state)	☐

(Please include / attach any research material as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.)

5. What is important about the affected heritage asset(s) ('the significance')?

Use this space to describe the significance of the heritage asset(s) including their setting (and any below ground archaeology) identified in Section 3. Please see the guidance notes on page 9 on what a heritage asset is and how to define significance.

(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if further space is required and attach / include as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.)

Lindfield Conservation Area - from Conservation Areas in Mid Sussex (2018):

"Lindfield has a strong individual village identity with a pond, a church dating from the 13th century and a High Street. The High Street is lined with many buildings of architectural interest. Although representative of a variety of periods there are a number of buildings of medieval origin and the Georgian period."

Listed Buildings – listed due to their architecture, detailing and history.

ANA - defined due to the Medieval Historic Core of Lindfield.

Possible non-designated heritage asset: historic building on a similar footprint to the current 13 High Street.

6. How will the proposals impact on the significance of the heritage asset(s) including their setting?

Please discuss what impact the proposals have on the heritage asset(s) i.e. loss or disturbance of historic building fabric, below or above ground archaeological impacts, setting or change of relationship between buildings and altering scale. **(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if further space is required and attach / include as an addendum to this Statement after Appendix 1.)**

The proposal is for a single-storey rear/side extension. It will not extend beyond the rear building lines of either of the neighbouring houses. It has been sensitively designed with a pitched roof and matching materials.

The rear elevations along this side of the High Street are varied, with many different types of extension and alteration, including the recent wraparound extension at No. 15. The proposed extension will therefore blend into the surrounding area.

At the front, part of the extension will be glimpsed from the street but will not intrude into the streetscene.

As such, the proposal will not have any impact on the significance of the conservation area or the setting of the listed buildings. The proposal will provide public benefits of keeping this building, in the conservation area, in its most viable residential use by updating it to modern standards.

With regard to the potential non-designated heritage asset of above and below ground remains of a previous building on the site, in accordance with para. 216 of the NPPF, a balanced judgement should be taken. The applicant is happy to accept a planning condition regarding this and the ANA.

7. How has the proposal been designed to conserve the significance of the heritage asset(s) including their setting?

Describe how the proposal has been designed to conserve and enhance the significance of the heritage assets (including below ground archaeology). Also describe how any harmful impacts have been avoided or minimised. For example, use of raft foundations, movement of the proposed extension to a less sensitive location.

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Contact details:

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Historic Environment Record
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Historic England
www.historicengland.org.uk

Local Planning Authority

Brighton & Hove City Council: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage>

Wealden District Council: planning@wealden.gov.uk

Rother District Council planning@rother.gov.uk

Hastings Borough Council dcenquiries@hastings.gov.uk

Eastbourne Borough Council customerfirst@eastbourne.gov.uk

Lewes District Council planning@lewes.gov.uk

South Downs National Park Planning@southdowns.gov.uk

Appendix 1

To be completed by the applicant – please tick the relevant box Please note one of these boxes must be ticked or your application will not be valid For further help contact her@westsussex.gov.uk	
HER Consultation report attached	☒
HER Consultation report not considered necessary as confirmed in attached email from HER	☐
HER Consultation report not relevant for reasons indicated by the Local Planning Authority. These reasons are: - The site is not located in an Archaeological Notification Area and is not a major development - The site is located in an Archaeological Notification Area but no below ground works or demolition works are proposed - The application is for change of use	☐ ☐ ☐

Guidance Notes

The **Heritage Statement** should identify all **heritage assets** potentially affected and their settings; describe their significance; and assess the potential impact of the proposal on that significance, including direct physical change and change to their setting.

Heritage assets include designated and non-designated assets, as well as both buildings and below ground archaeology.

The **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** (Department for Communities and Local Government, July 2018) sets out the government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The relevant section which relates to heritage is: **Section 189** which states that:

In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.

National Planning Policy Framework:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

For **further information** on assessment of significance and assessing the potential impact of a proposal on that significance, including setting, can be found in (or their future updates):

- CLG (2012) **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** (especially paragraph 17, Section 12 and Annex 2 Glossary)
- CLG (2014) **Planning Policy Guidance (PPG)** (especially 18a, paragraph 001-063)
- Historic England (2015) **Good Practice Advice (GPA) note 2 Managing Significance in Decision Taking in the Historic Environment**
- Historic England (2015) **Good Practice Advice (GPA) note 3 The Setting of Heritage Assets**

The NPPF and PPG also include a Glossary and explanation of terms, such as 'heritage asset', 'setting' and 'significance':

Heritage asset: A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).

Setting of a heritage asset: The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral.

Significance (for heritage policy): The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. That interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset's physical presence, but also from its setting. (NPPF Annex 2: Glossary)