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The Site

Existing Plan

The adjacent plan reflects the existing site extents and proposed application boundary.



KEY

- 1 Sunte House - Grade II*
- 2 Dairy
- 3 Tool-Shed
- 4 Garage
- 5 Tennis Court
- 6 Proposed Pool-house
- 7 Garden Store - Grade II
- 8 Garden Wall - Grade II
- 9 Entrance Gate
- 10 Turning Circle
- 11 Driveway
- 12 Rear Entrance
- 13 Proposed Parking Area
- 14 Lake

Ownership Boundary ————
Application Boundary ————



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Existing Access & Routes

The southern access from Gander Green forms the historic and formal access to the house, primarily used by the residents. To the North, Birchen Lane provides secondary access to the House via a private driveway (1), and an independent spur into the farmyard (2). Typically, these are used for deliveries, servicing and informal access.

Running east west along the southern boundary is a public footpath that connects to a wider network of roads and pedestrian routes.



1. ACCESS VIA BIRCHEN LANE



2. FARMYARD & COTTAGE



3. COTTAGE & GARAGE



4. GARAGE DRIVE TO SUNTE HOUSE



5. DRIVE ALONG WEST ELEVATION



6. TURNING CIRCLE APPROACH



7. MAIN GATE TO ENTRANCE DRIVE



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Existing Views

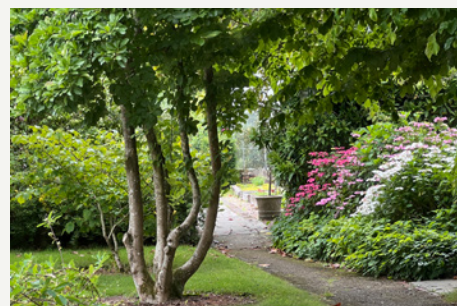
The site benefits from a verdant, almost entirely consistent perimeter of mature planting. There is a wide variety of significant tree species that provides dense crowns and privacy to the estate, minimising long range views from wider settlements to the Main house and outbuildings. The exception to this is to the South gated entrance where there is a permeable vista.



1. NORTH-WEST - FIELD



5. EAST - WALLED GARDEN



2. WEST - LEISURE AREA



3. SOUTH - DRIVEWAY



4. EAST - LAKE





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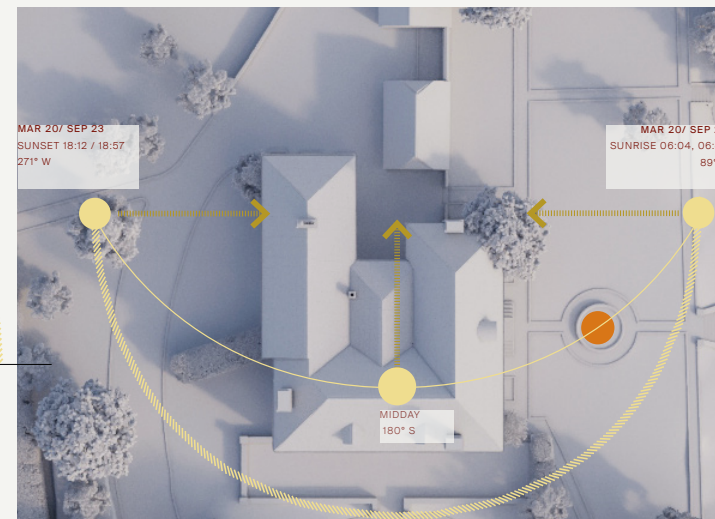
Solar Analysis

To inform the proposals, in depth solar analysis has taken place to understand aspect, daylighting and overheating. The house sits on a true North - South axis with all primary elevations exposed to long hours of solar exposure. Whilst the north courtyard between the house and dairy is in shade during the winter months, it benefits from morning and evening light between the equinoxes.

SUMMER SOLSTICE
9 AM



SPRING EQUINOX
9 AM



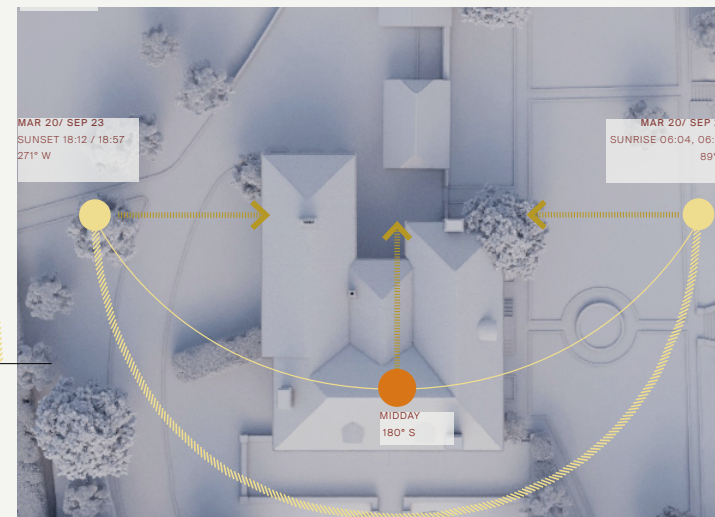
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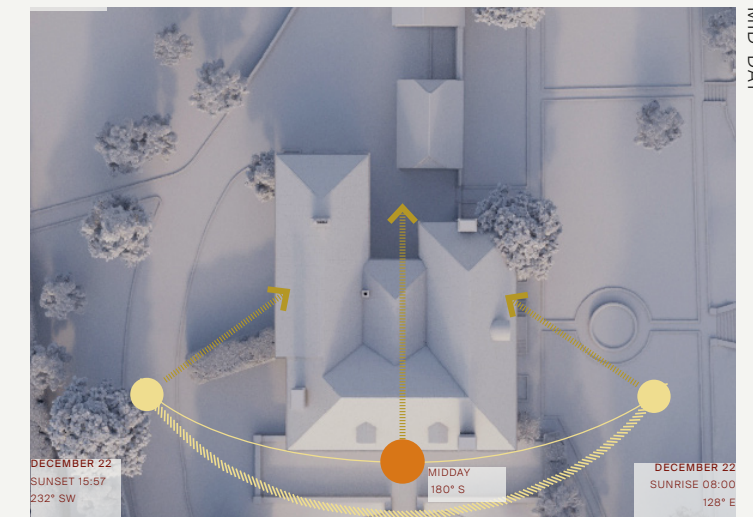
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MORNING

MID-DAY

EVENING



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History



Historic Map 1638

A detail from the Map of Cuckfield, Lindfield & Wivelsfield
Evidence of settlement however no evidence to suggest this is the current house. Construction is believed to occur in late C17th / early 18th Century.



Historic Map ca. 1844

A detail from the Map of Lindfield Parish in the County of Sussex.
Sunte House is shown in red and there seems to be no extension to the north-west yet.



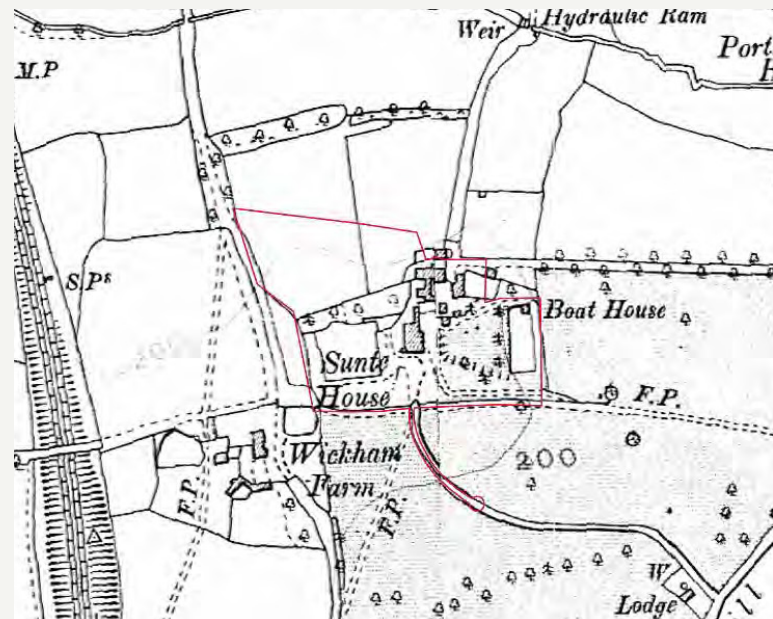
Historic Map ca. 1845

Lindfield Tithe Map: At this time a T-shaped building defined the western edge of the farmyard with a square building on the eastern side. The plot to the west was described as pasture and named "The Croft".



Historic Map 1879

OS Sussex Sheet XXVI: The North west extension to the Main House seems to be completed, along with the Byre and a reconfiguration / extension to the Barn.



1912 Landmark Historical Mapping



ca. 1949 Map



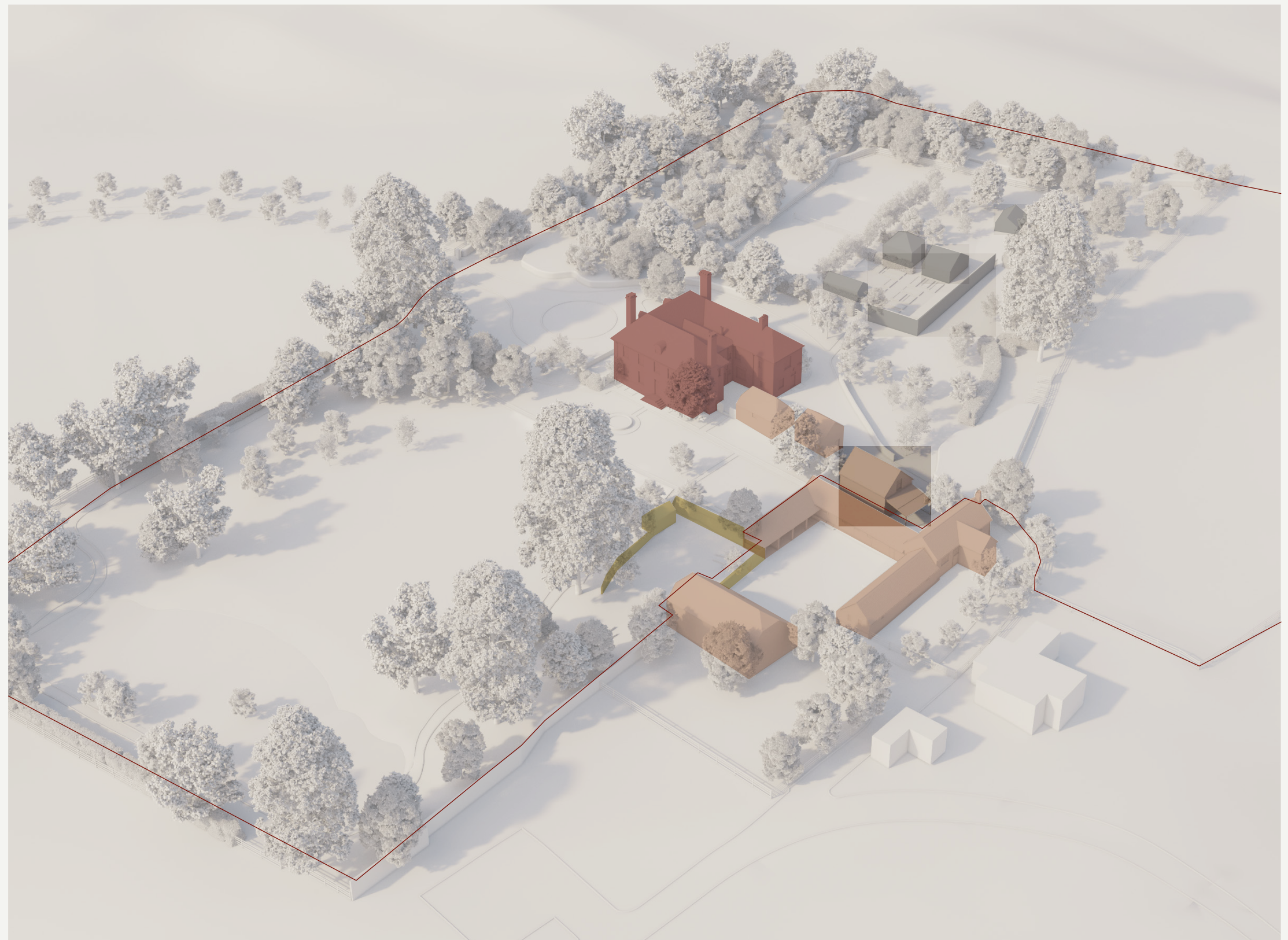
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Heritage Assets

The adjacent provides a high level summary of the listed building status across the site ownership which has significantly informed the thinking in the forthcoming proposals.

Please refer to accompanying Heritage Assessment and Impact Statement by Robinson Wild Consulting, for full chronology and analysis of Heritage assets.



- Application Boundary
- Grade II* listing
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- Curtilage listed
- No listed status

