

Project address:

The Old Rectory
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Project description:

Replacement sliding sash
windows.

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Heritage Statement

Statement:

The property is listed on the National Heritage List for England under reference 1025823.

The reasons for designation are as follows:

The Old Rectory at Albourne is designated at Grade II, for the following principal reasons:

** Much of the C18 fabric still remains and it is a characterful house of special interest.*

** The development of the house can be traced through later additions, and the layers of development can be readily observed.*

** C19 fabric contributes to the interest.*

The applicant purchased the property earlier this year.

Three windows have various rotten sections and have deteriorated to the point that they are not able to be effectively repaired. It is considered that sensitive replacement is the most practical and conservation-minded solution.

The application is for complete replacement of the windows, including frames and sashes.

The proposed new windows will be handcrafted in timber to match the original design. Traditional joinery methods and slimline, heritage double glazing units will be used to improve energy efficiency without compromising the building's character or historic integrity.

This approach respects the building's heritage significance while also ensuring it's continued use and comfort as a home. The intention is not to modernize or alter the appearance of the building but to preserve and enhance it for the long term through high-quality, sympathetic craftsmanship.

Upon approval, careful investigation will take place when dismantling the existing windows.

If feasible, frames and sills will be retained.

Approval for complete replacement is sought as it is not certain that frames and sills will be salvageable.

Sashes will certainly need to be replaced as the rotted sections are, in places, through the full depth of the associated timbers.

The replacement windows will be traditional box sash windows constructed from timber in a traditional joiner's workshop in Brighton.

There will be no perception of any change in appearance.

Internal views of the subject windows follow below.



Window 1



Window 2

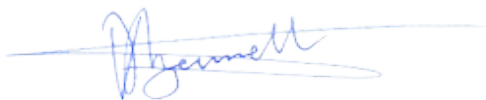


Window 3

Windows 1 and 3 have had heavy application of filler which is concealing the extent of the deterioration.

The extent of deterioration can be seen on the sashes to Window 2.

End of statement.



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