

Heritage Statement

History and Character of the Listed Building

Yew Tree Cottage is a 17th-century grade II listed property.

The ground floor of the property is of red brick and grey headers. Above is tile-hung and a tiled roof.

The windows are casement windows.

The property became grade II listed on 11 May 1983.

The property was one of approximately 60 buildings in Balcombe to become listed. Yew Tree Cottage was possibly listed due to the age of the property and therefore being of significant interest.

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Justification

Yew Tree Cottage does not have designated access to a driveway or garage and therefore have to park the vehicle at the top of the cul-de-sac called Combers as the other part is mostly full of parked cars.

Haywards Heath Road is a busy B-road. Various vehicles such as emergency vehicles, tractors, coaches and lorries use the road so no one parks along it.

Houses surrounding the property along the B-road have driveways and garages and as these residents have multiple vehicles they also park their additional vehicles in Combers which gets congested.

Barn Meadow and Symonds Cottages and the Flats have off-street parking which is only available for those residents.

Our justification is for ease of access to the vehicle and also to know that is parked securely as currently it's at least a couple of minutes walk from the property to the parked car.

My husband is registered as sight impaired with WSCC.

Impact

From the property, you will only see the parking space from the side window in the attic. As the material used will possibly be a permeable grass grid then the area covered would be effectively grass and therefore will not have a significant visual impact.

The public footpath would be relocated to nearer the telegraph pole. This will make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road in a safe manner as there will have more visibility for cars travelling south towards Haywards Heath. At the moment, they have to step into the road to see if there are any cars approaching.

In the past, we have successfully applied for a skip to be placed in the same location as the proposed car parking space. There was no objection by WSCC regarding access and safety.

Schedule of Works

We have looked at other options for example creating a space in the front garden of the property. However, not only will this have a negative impact on the look of the property but also the width of the garden is not wide enough to fit a width of car.

The property would not be affected by the work as the potential space is adjacent and not connected to the proposed site.