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Subject: DM/25/0007 Nether Walstead

Hi Anna

Nether Walstead is a substantial Grade II listed house, a former farmhouse, located in a rural position outside Lindfield. The house dates originally, according to the list description, from the 17th century or earlier, but was substantially extended in several phases during the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, with further additions during the later 20th century including a rear dining room extension.

Based on the limited information in front of us, Nether Walstead is likely to be considered to possess architectural interest based on its construction and craftsmanship over several different phases of development, historical illustrative interest as a good example of a Sussex farmhouse, later country residence, altered and extended in response to changing socio-economic circumstances and the needs and aspirations of successive occupiers, and aesthetic value based in part on the use of vernacular materials viewed within the landscape from which they were drawn.

To the north east of the house is the former farmyard of the Nether Walstead farmstead, which includes a number of surviving 19th century or earlier former farm buildings. Nether Walstead is recorded in the West Sussex Historic Farmstead and Landscape Character assessment as a historic farmstead of the post medieval period. These farm buildings would be regarded as curtilage listed, and are likely to be considered to possess architectural interest based on their construction and craftsmanship, historical illustrative interest as examples of former farm buildings of their type and period, and aesthetic interest based partly on the use of vernacular materials. They also have group value with the former farmhouse, and contribute positively to its setting and special interest.

The current proposals, which also formed part of a recent pre-application enquiry, is for the introduction of one replacement and three new gates in various positions along the driveway to the property. The location and design of the gates are considered sympathetic to the context of a country house, formerly a farmhouse in a rural setting, and should preserve the setting of the house and former farmstead. It would be helpful however if the applicant could confirm the height of the various gates - I can't find this information amongst the application documents?

Subject to this, the proposal is considered to preserve the setting of Nether Walstead, meeting the requirements of District Plan Policy DP34 and the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

Thanks,

Emily

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

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