

PROPOSED GUTTER REPLACEMENT



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HERITAGE STATEMENT

Introduction & Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the proposal for the replacement of the existing gutter which runs to the front elevation of Manor House, Lewes Road, East Grinstead, RH19 3SY on a Grade 2 listed house.

Description of the Building

Clare House, with the attached property Clare House, one half of a Grade II listed early 19th century villa located in a semi-rural position to the north of Ashurst Wood. The house has the traditional white rendered finish, slate roof with timber sash windows. The gutters we presume are the original cast iron applied to the house when it was built.

Heritage Significance

Clare House is one half of a Grade II listed early 19th century villa located in a semi-rural position and is a heritage asset.

The replacement of the existing cast iron gutter which is part of the historic character of the building which are required to retain the existing rainwater collation and removal of water from the roof and will be changed like for like cast iron gutters and associated fixtures and fittings.

Existing Condition

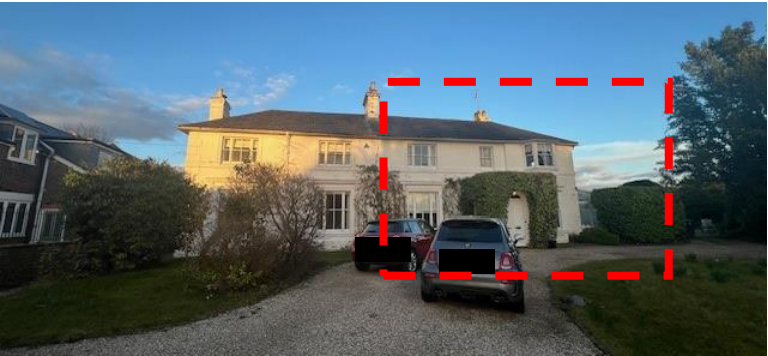
Cast Iron gutter with cast iron fittings finished in white to match the existing gutters and building render finish. The existing gutter is very corroded and causing a waterfall to the front of the building with both light and heavy rain, This is causing water damage to the front of the house rending and windows. Pleaser refer to page 5 for visual reference.

Proposed Works

The proposal is to replace the existing guttering with a like for like 115mm horizontal Ogee cast iron gutter to the front elevation of the property.; Fixture and fittings will be cast iron to ensure a consistent look to the existing installation. All fittings will be finished in white paint to align with the original style and installation of the existing guttering.

The method for fixing the installation will be brackets and joining junctions from one gutter run to the next.

There will be no new downpipes installed to the front elevation of the property; however, replacement vertical gutters will be installed to the Clare House right hand side of the property (not seen from the road) to assist with the removal of rainwater from the property as the existing gutter down pipe runs through into the lobby to Clare House and has caused water damage to the ceiling and walls.



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Impact on Heritage Significance

Implementing a like for like solution for the gutter will retain the existing character and ensure the look and functionality of the gutter is preserved back to the original state. Retaining the cast iron material application will ensure the installation has longevity retaining its historic character.

The proposal to replace the existing gutter is necessary to conserve the house and prevent water ingress and any further damage to the walls, windows and ground surrounding the property.

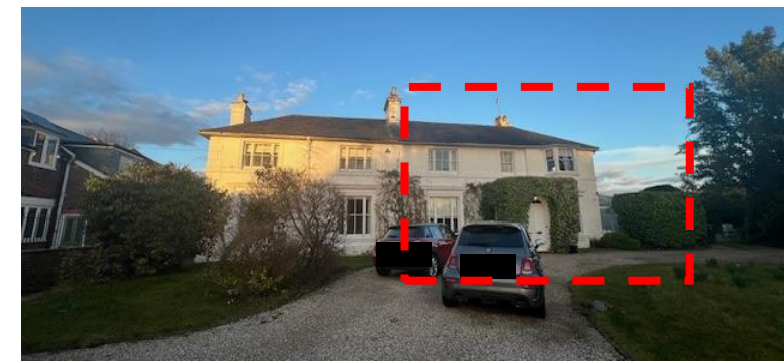
Policy & Guidance References

Referring to NPPF Section 16, Scenario 9: Repairs to cast-iron gutters and downpipes (21) outlines that listed consent would be required for replacement of the existing guttering – the proposal is like for like replacement guttering.

In our preplanning / listed advise with the planning department we were advised to submit a Listed application. To avoid doubt we are submitting Listed consent to ensure records are retained on this properties ongoing maintenance.

Conclusion

The proposed works are essential maintenance for the house to avoid further damage to the façade of the house retaining its historic fabric, maintaining the buildings heritage significance.



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