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**HISTORIC AND
DESIGN AND ACCESS
STATEMENT**

FOR

**REPLACEMENT OF ROOF COVERINGS
AND WINDOWS**

AT

**CHURCH FARM
MAIN ROAD
HENLEY
SUFFOLK
IP6 0QT**

FOR

MRS M SELF

**RJF/JAC/1982
DECEMBER 2020**

Historic Context

Church Farmhouse is positioned adjacent the crossroads in the centre of the village of Henley.

Church Farmhouse is listed Grade II and the date of listing is 1986.

At the time of listing it refers to the roof coverings as being thatch, however, as will be referred to later in the statement, there is photographic evidence that up until the mid-1970s the roof coverings were in fact clay plain tile and that the thatch was laid at about that time prior to the listing.

In addition, the historic photos included as part of this statement give an illustration of the windows that existed at the time which were subsequently replaced with the present oak windows, again, in the mid-1970s and consent is being sought for their removal and replacement with painted softwood windows of a more traditional flush casement pattern.

The Proposal

The intention is to remove the existing thatch roof covering and recover the relevant roof slopes with clay plain tiles. As referred to above and with reference to the historic photos included in this statement, the roof coverings to the property were in fact clay plain tile up until the laying of the thatch roof in the mid-1970s.

A preapplication was held on site on 8th August 2019 with Paul Harrison on the local authority [ref. DC/19/02167] and his observations together with written comments have been used when formulating this application.

In addition, it would appear that at the time the roof coverings were changed, the original eaves soffits were in fact retained. Concurrent with the replacement of the roof coverings, provision of coated metal rainwater goods are to be provided so as to provide suitable drainage from the roof slopes.

In respect of the windows, indicative elevations and full size sections through the proposed replacement windows are included as part of the application. The intention is to replicate wherever feasible the appearance of those earlier windows removed in the mid-1970s.

We would refer to observations and comments contained within the written preapplication advice suggesting that in the officer's view replacement of the thatch with plain tiles together with the replacement of the windows of a more traditional design could be supported.

Justification

The property is in need of maintenance and repair and the opportunity is being sought to return the external fabric to that which existed prior to the various alterations and replacements carried out in the mid-1970s.