

Design Access & Heritage Statement

New access through Garden Wall

Listed Building Application

Madehurst Lodge, Madehurst, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0NL

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1.0 Site Information

Madehurst Lodge a Grade II Listed Building is located within the South Downs National Park. Works are currently underway on site to implement the following Planning and Listed Building Approvals:

- SDNP/16/06186/FUL granted in June 2017
- SDNP/16/06187/LIS granted in June 2017

A sequence of brick walls play an important historic and architectural role in defining the area of associated former kitchen gardens / orchard further north of the house. This area would have originally served and supplied the house in the 19th century; which is part of the history of the estate that remains legible today. Modest brick built lean-to outbuildings and glasshouses mainly along the south facing central wall of the kitchen garden appear to date at least in part from the 19th century, and also likely form part of the curtilage listing.

Madehurst Lodge backs onto a narrow lane, which leads to Parletts Farm. Beyond this is the walled kitchen garden and orchard. The walled kitchen garden consists of an open space defined by areas for planting herbs and vegetables, which would have historically served the kitchens of the 19th century country house. As such, the kitchen garden contributes positively to the significance of the listed and curtilage listed buildings, as it provides evidence of part of the historic operation of the country house.

The orchard which incorporated a modern tennis court compromised the understanding of the former use and character of this space and has subsequently been removed as part of the approved works.

This application for Listed Building Consent seeks permission to form a new access opening in the existing brick built garden wall the divides the north and south side of the Walled Garden. The south side of the walled garden is being renovated to form the Kitchen Garden and the North side will remain be the renovated orchard.

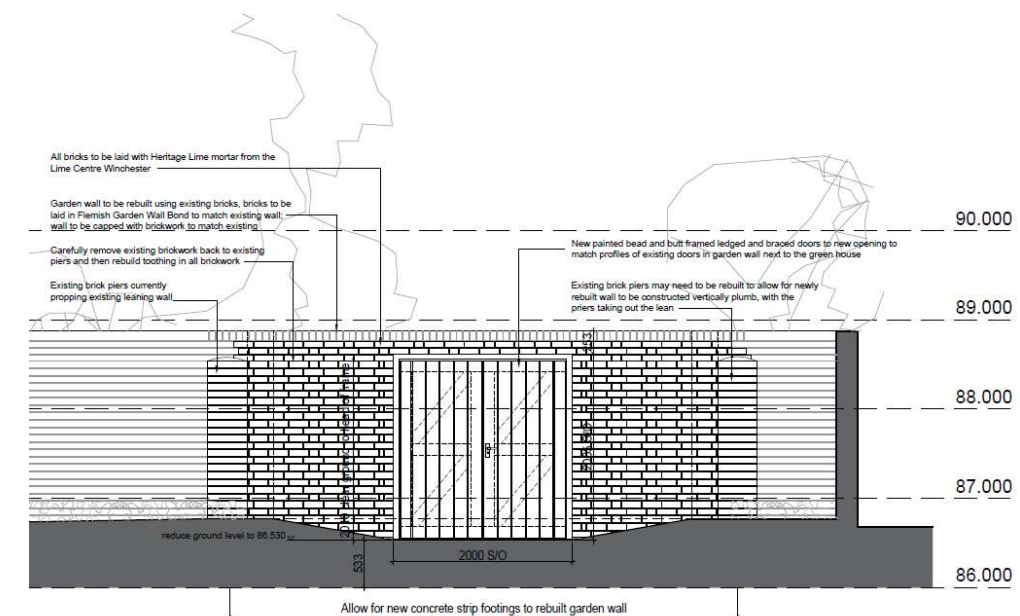
2.0 Design

We are looking to form a new opening in the existing Garden Wall in the same style as the existing pair of painted timber gates next to the existing glasshouse – see Image A. This will allow the existing access to be retained although slightly limiting and will provide a new housekeeping and kitchen gardener access to service the guest accommodation and garden; Image B.

Image A – Existing timber gates to opening next to glasshouse



Image B – Extract of new gateway through existing wall



In doing this we have had to consider a number of points to establish the best location for this work to take place:-

- We have reviewed the condition and status of the existing wall
- Access for the delivery of the garden huts must be achieved as the walled garden is land locked
- A section of the wall that would be least invasive to alter

From the above we established that a section of wall towards the corner of the wall garden was in a state of disrepair, this section of wall was suffering an inward lean and had in the past been supported by a couple of more modern brick piers, see images C and D.

As you are aware we have already carefully made the opening in the wall in preparation to receive the imminent delivery of the shepherd's huts, setting aside the existing bricks from the wall in preparation for the wall to be rebuilt once they have been delivered. We are now proposing a track to the rear of the shepherds' huts from the orchard to allow easy access for garden maintenance and also servicing of the guest bedrooms with gator/golf cart. To allow this to be possible we are proposing to make an opening in the rebuilt wall with painted timber gates to match the existing as per images A and B.

So that the height of the wall is maintained to its original profile in this location we are proposing to slightly grade the ground level down to allow for a gated opening high enough not to restrict movements through the gates, as per image B.

The wall will be rebuilt using a traditional lime heritage mortar mix with the brickwork being laid in Flemish Garden Wall bond to match the existing wall, see image E, although it's slightly difficult to see due to the weathering on the bricks.

3.0 Access

Access to the Walled Garden will remain the same via two access points, one of which is pedestrian and the other to the north is vehicular. Access between the two elements of the walled garden will be by using the existing gated opening in the wall – image A and the new access detailed in image B.

4.0 Supporting Information

Please find enclosed the following information to support this Listed Building Application.

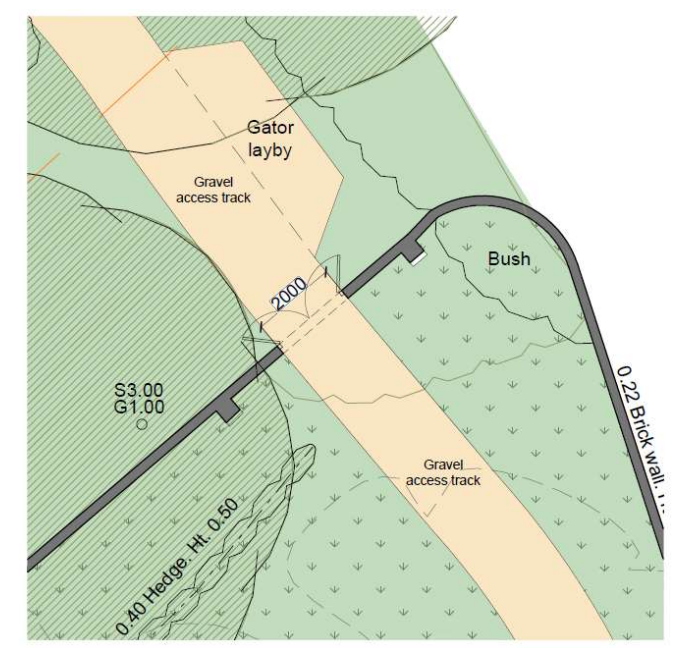
Image C – lean looking west



Image D – lean looking east



Image E – existing brick bond – Flemish Garden Wall bond & part site plan detailing location



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Drawings submitted alongside this application:

- 1005A – Site location plan
- 1030A – Approved Existing site plan
- 1126A – Approved proposed site plan
- 1150A – New access through walled garden wall – Existing and proposed elevations, plan and section, part site plan and supporting photographic images