

# Heritage Statement

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Site name

Monckton House

Address of site

INM Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire  
PO12 2DL

## 1. Scope of Works

Type of Proposal

The project involves the careful demolition of the external wall to the basement structure of Monckton House, a Grade II listed building. The structure has been damaged from a nearby felled Magnolia Tree and requires rebuilding to prevent undue collapse.

Works proposed

The works involves the removal of the existing concrete slab veranda enclosing the basement structure from the external space, dismantling the external and internal brick walls where damaged with new corbelled brick footings, and rebuilding the walls using salvaged cleaned brickwork with lime mortar. New reinforced concrete slabs are to be reinstated on completion of the works finished with a natural bitumen asphalt covering. All soft and hard landscaped areas to be reinstated on completion.

## 2. Pre Application Advice

Have you consulted Hampshire's Historic Environment Record?

Yes  No

If Yes, please attach any correspondence to this Heritage Statement in Appendix 1 (including the HER Consultation Report)

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from the relevant local planning authority?

Yes  No

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

Have you sought pre-application heritage advice from Historic England?

Yes  No

If Yes, please provide a copy of any written correspondence with reference number/contact name if applicable.

## 3. What heritage asset(s), including their setting, are potentially affected by the proposals? (Please tick the relevant boxes below)

1: Scheduled Monument (SM)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Listed Building (LB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Conservation Area (CA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Registered Park and Garden (RPG)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Historic Battlefield (HB)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Locally Listed Heritage Asset (LLHA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Archaeological Notification Area (ANA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Other Non-Designated Heritage Asset (including below ground archaeology)	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 4. What is known about the affected heritage asset(s)?

4 (a). Using the information obtained through research and on-site analysis summary of the history of the site/building is provided below.

Heritage Category: Listed Building
Grade: II
Entry Number: 1276705
Date First Listed: 20 <sup>th</sup> April 1983
Statutory Address: Monckton House, Crescent Road
The Historic England website describes the building as follows: CRESCENT ROAD 1. 5232 (north side) Monckton House SZ 6098 SE 9/38 II 2. Mid C19. Late Regency villa. Two-storeys with attic and basement. Slate hipped roof. West front has heavy modillion cornice, first floor bands, rusticated ground floor, massive central porch on coupled pilasters. Plainer south front of 3 windows. Sash windows. Prominent chimneys.
The main house will not be worked upon. These works are concerning the rebuilding of the basement external wall only.

#### 4 (b) What research has been undertaken to understand the significance of the heritage asset(s) affected?

Please tick the relevant boxes

HER	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hampshire Record Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Map regression (historic maps)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Planning Authority sources	X
Historic England sources	X
Museum or Library (please provide details)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5. What is important about the affected heritage asset(s) ('the significance')?**

Monckton House was built in 1850 for James Biden (born 1803), a Gosport Brewer. At that time the land was pasture. He married Miss Symonds, the only daughter of Captain Symonds R.N. in 1837.

According to Hampshire County Council's Archivist it contains the Royal Naval Medical Service Historic Library, Archives and Artefacts, comprising hundreds of photographs and other papers: a mix of bequests, gifts and official material. Among the photographs, which appear to form the majority of the archive, are those from RNH Haslar's photographic department, as well, for example, as pictures of medical officers in charge of Haslar and other personnel. In addition are official papers such as captain's requests for training division, and other documents including plans and engravings of Haslar Hospital, medical officers' scrapbooks, and odd items such as an 1804 letter from on board ship, referring to Nelson. One very unusual item is said to be a medieval manuscript of the Koran.

The building is considered to be of high architectural and historical interest dating back to 1850.

**6. How will the proposals impact on the significance of the heritage asset(s) and their setting?**

Whilst the external and internal walls are to be rebuilt using existing salvaged brickwork there is a risk some bricks will be unable to be reused due to breakages and natural degradation and replacements will be needed from a reclamation yard. The lime mortar specified is not an identical match since this would be unsuitable for use below ground. We have specified the nearest suitable match as evidenced by the mortar analysis enclosed and recommendation of the Lime Centre. The replacement concrete slab has been designed using Portland cement which may or may not replicate the existing concrete slab to be removed. The replacement asphalt finishes have been designed on the presumption the existing asphalt consists of natural bitumen with limestone aggregate. Whilst every care will be taken to support the existing structure during the works there is a risk of some settlement during and after the works.