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DESIGN, ACCESS AND HERITAGE STATEMENT

PREPARED FOR:

CROWNSHADE LTD

PROJECT LOCATION:

**'THE HAVEN' 61 CHURCH STREET,
FORDINGBRIDGE,
SP6 1BB**

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PROJECT NO.

SBA.3722

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Raising of the Gable Parapet wall and raising of the Chimney Stack.**1.0 Introduction.**

- 1.1 This Design, Access and Heritage statement has been prepared in support of the Listed Building application for the raising of the gable parapet wall, and raising of the Chimney Stack; to 'The Haven' 61 Church Street, Fordingbridge for Crownshade Ltd the current owners of the property.
- 1.2 The property is a Grade II listed semi-detached building, The List Entry Number is recorded by Historic England as 1350973 with the description *'Pair of semi-detached houses. Late C18, altered C19. Painted or rendered brick, thatch roof. Two storey, 2 bay attached buildings. Left hand (No 59) has central 4-panel door, to right hand 2-light casement, both under cambered arches. To left hand bay C19 shopfront of board door and long 21 pane shop window, 2-light casements on 1st floor. Right hand (No 61) has central 4-panel door under flat hood on iron brackets and four 6-pane sashes. Stepped eaves. Roof half-hipped to left hand and kneelered gable wall to right hand. Central ridge stack.'*
- 1.3 The site and location plan identify the position of the property and the proposed works. The application site has been outlined in red.

2.0 Site Appraisal.

- 2.1 The Haven is located on Church Street on the edge of Fordingbridge Town. The dwelling fronts the highway, set back from the edge of the road by a small parking area to the frontage.
- 2.2 The subject property is a pair of semi-detached dwellings which is constructed of a thatched roof, under a painted facing brickwork construction. Whilst the pair of semi-detached dwellings appear to have been constructed at the same time, there is obvious difference between the two dwellings. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that the Haven was formerly a dwelling with a blacksmith's forge, whilst the adjoining property was a shop with dwelling. Historic Photos dating to the turn of the 19th Century would suggest this theory to be correct.
- 2.3 Assessment of the site in terms of flood risk using the Environment Agency's online Flood Risk Assessment tool has indicated that the site is not in an area of Flood Risk.

3.0 Planning History.

- 3.1 A planning application search has been undertaken with the New Forest National Park Authority which identified the following three previous applications:

20/10632 – Single -Storey rear extension; internal alterations; reinstate existing rear chimney (planning and Listed Building Consent) – Granted.

4.0 Planning Policies.

4.1 The application site lies within the boundary of New Forest National District Council, and is situated within the Western Escarpment Conservation Area.

4.2.1 The application will be assessed against the policies of the Local Plan Core Strategy. This application seeks to comply with all the relevant policies.

5.0 Design Proposal.

- 5.1 The proposal seeks to raise the central chimney stack shared by No.59 and 61 Church Street, Fordingbridge, and raise the gable parapet wall to the end of No.61. The need to raise both elements has come about as the roof thatch has been built up over the decades, progressively increasing the thickness of the roof covering, thus causing the thatch to over sail the height of the parapet wall in places. Consequently, the abutment between the wall and the thatch is unable to provide an adequate weather tight junction. Furthermore, the Chimney Stack has been shortened in height through the increase in thatch layers, and as such the safe permitted height required by Building Regulations from the top of the chimney pot to the thatch line has been breached.
- 5.2 The proposals are to take off the brickwork and slate capping course to the parapet wall and raise the brickwork sufficiently to restore the abutment to the thatch line. The 'point' to the apex to the parapet which has been lost, appears to be evident in early photos of the property at the turn of the 1900's. The proposals seek to replicate the parapet detail, in its raised position. It was noted that the brickwork capping course on the front roof slope was of poor-quality London Brick Company 'LBC' bricks, laid 'frog up'. A matching brick to the original building will be used in the reconstruction.
- 5.3 The shared chimney is to be carefully taken down to the bottom of the corbel detail, and then rebuilt 5 brick courses higher to restore the height relationship between the thatch and the top of the chimney. The corbeling detail to the top of the Chimney is to be replicated. New rolled top terracotta chimney pots are to be re-bedded onto the stack in gauged lime Mortar. All new brickwork is to be carefully taken down, cleaned, and set aside for rebuilding in gauged lime mortar. The shortfall in bricks is to be made up in new bricks to match the existing.

6.0 Access.

6.1 Access to the site is served from Church Street. The existing points of access will remain unchanged as part of the proposals.

7.0 Photographs



West Elevation of Parapet Wall.

Please note; Thatch over the height of the parapet wall, and poor quality wire cut bricks to the capping course.



West Elevation of Parapet Wall.

View of North parapet wall from other angle.



East Elevation of Parapet Wall.

Please note; Thatch over the height of the parapet wall.



Chimney Stack

Please note; the reduced height to the chimney compared to early photos of the property, owing to the layers of thatch that have been built up over the decades.