

HERITAGE STATEMENT
 SRINAGAR. CHURCH ROAD. CAINSCROS. STROUD.
 Planning Ref: S.21/0927/FUL

The proposal is to form additional accommodation for the care home by building, together with additional areas, a first floor to the bungalow 'Srinagar' and linking the new build to the adjacent Cotswold House Care Home.

Cotswold House is not Listed but is a substantial House with an interesting history. Following the record of the building with reference to OS maps, it was school in 1883 and was rebuilt in its present form in 1896 as a private house. By 1903 it was shown as a Vicarage, presumably for St. Matthews Church and remained so until the late 1930's. It was then lived in by Lt.-Colonel Gudman, who was leader of the West of England British Union of Fascists. He claimed to have close ties to Nazi leaders and to have helped Goering to traffic guns and Ribbentrop smuggle alcohol into America during prohibition. From 1955 – 1976 it was the home of the famous Halas and Batchelor film studios, specialising in animation, including Animal Farm. In 1976 the house became a Care Home and the single storey annexe was built to the rear of the site. A substantial expansion of the care facilities took place in 2011.

'Srinagar' was built in the early 1970's as a private dwelling.

ADJACENT HERITAGE ASSETS

There are two Listed buildings adjacent to the proposed development.

Clare Villa, 112, Westward Road.

Although adjacent to the proposal, in view of the distance from the house, its orientation and garden enclosure, we do not feel the proposal would have any effect on the historic nature of the property.

St. Matthews Church. Church Road.

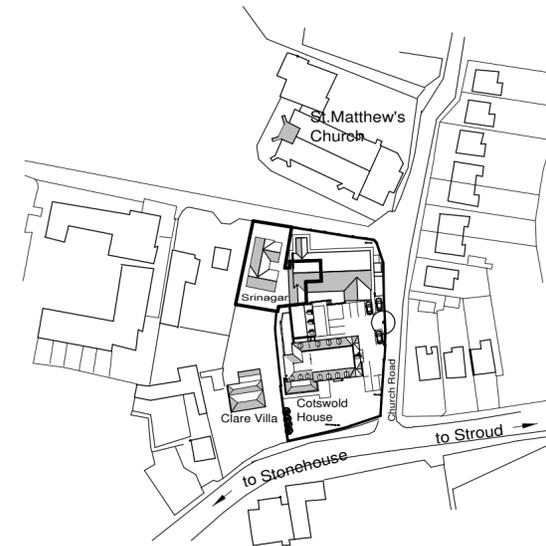
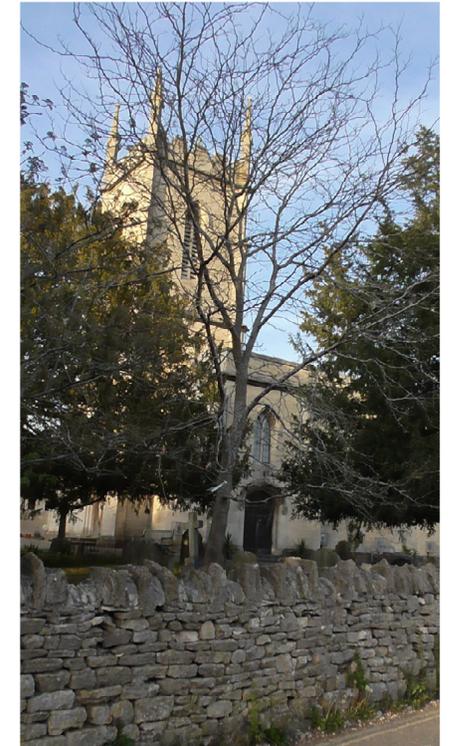
Built of ashlar limestone under slate roofs, the Church of St. Matthew was built in 1835-7 to the design of Charles Baker of Painswick. The east end was rebuilt in 1897-8, with the design of Walter Plank. The Listing entry recognises, in the reasons for listing, that whilst it is a good representation of a middling quality church of that date, it is not outstanding. It is, however, a key element in the development of Cainscross as a district.

The large churchyard stretches the full length of Church Lane and has six mature Yew trees adjacent to that 1.2 metre high stone dry-stone boundary wall.

The location of the church has been compromised by the 20th century development that surrounds it.

'Srinagar' itself is an anomaly in terms of design, being an aggregate rendered bungalow.

A more substantial building as proposed, with elevations that acknowledge the church as a neighbour, will reflect the historic scale of the other buildings in Church Lane.



existing tree screen between Cotswold House and Clare Villa

