

New Driveway at Hampden House,  
Glynde, Lewes,  
East Sussex, BN8 6RS



## Design, Access and Heritage Statement

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### Hampden House – Proposed driveway works Design, Access and Heritage Impact Statement



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## 01 Introduction

**Applicant:** Glynde Estates

**Architect:** Mackellar Schwerdt Architects

### 01.1 Description and Justification

#### External Works

Currently the site, located on the corner of Lacy's Hill and Ranscombe Lane, Glynde, is used for domestic purposes and contains insufficient gate clearance and parking for a large house with no footpath to house from the present parking area without crossing grass.

This proposal comprises the following alteration works:

- Replacement oak gates set back behind the existing brick piers, to give an improved clearance width between the brick piers.
- New replacement driveway, with a water permeable construction: black plastic parking grid (Ibran) on permeable sub base which has been dressed in 10-20mm gravel. The existing Tarmac drive will be removed.
- Proposed brick path from the extended drive to the existing entrance path to match existing.

For more information please refer to drawings and the heritage impact statement towards the end of this statement:

8925-01A Location & Block Plan

8925-03A Site Plan & Gates

The purpose of these proposed changes is for the applicant to be able to park cars including visitors within the grounds of the house and off the highway and allow direct access from the parking area to the front door.

### 01.2 Use, Amount, Scale and Appearance

The existing driveway is 77sqm allowing space for two cars. The proposed driveway is increased by 174sqm of additional hard landscaping incorporating turning space and three additional parking bays.

The scale and footprint of the extended driveway will not over power the main house and garages. The replacement oak gate will be more sympathetic in style to the village scene and of greater width by 300mm.

### 01.3 Landscape & External Materials

Existing trees and hedges will not be harmed or removed by this proposal.  
There will be no material visual change when viewed from the highway.

The proposed materials will follow the character and appearance of the existing and are as follows:

- Stock brick pavers for the footpaths to match existing.
- Permeable gravel finish (golden flint 10-20mm size) held by heavy duty black plastic gravel parking grid.
- Proposed oak entrance gates.

For more information please refer to drawings:

8925-01A Location & Block Plan  
8925-03B Site Plan & Gates



### 01.4 Access and Parking Provision

There will be no changes to vehicular and pedestrian access from off the highway.

## 02 Heritage & Impact Statement

### 02.1 Description and History

The site is located south of Lacy's Hill, Glynde, East Sussex.

The 1838 Tithe Map of Lacy's Hill, Glynde shows the house with much the same footprint as today. It occupies Plot No. 47 on the map and is described in the Tithe Apportionment as 'The Vicarage'. The existing driveway is not indicated on the map.



*1838 Tithe Map showing Hampden House as Plot 47*

Hampden House (previously called 'Vicarage') is a Grade II listed building, located in Glynde, Lewes, East Sussex.

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Listed text:

Grade II

2. Dated 1730. Two storeys and attic. Four windows and one window-space. Two gabled dormers. Red brick. Wooden eaves cornice. Hipped tiled roof. Windows with wide glazing bars. Doorway at head of 3 steps with blunt pediment on brackets and door of 6 fielded panels. Blind window-space over faced with grey headers and containing the date 1730 with the initials "LE".

### 03 Impact and Significance of Proposed Changes

The proposed changes and their impact on the historic fabric and village setting comprise;

#### External Changes

##### Front Garden:

- Retaining the existing driveway and existing parking areas in front of the garage.
- Some loss of grass to the north of the existing garage for the extended parking area and footpath. The existing grassland levels will be maintained by the driveway.
- **Setting the driveway gates back behind the brick piers**

#### Impact

- In terms of the village street scene there will be no material visual change. In particular the street elevation of the house will be unaffected.
- In landscape terms the views into the village from the surrounding countryside will not be impacted.
- In terms of the impact on any archaeological material the depth of excavation to allow for the new reinforced gravel grid and sub base will not exceed 200mm. At this shallow depth there is unlikely to be anything located so shallow and it is unlikely that this will have any impact should there be archaeological material deeper within the soil.
- The setting of the Grade 2 Listed house will not be materially affected by the addition of 3 parking spaces to the side (south elevation) of the house, leaving the primary façade untouched.
- No historic fabric will be affected.
- No additional noise will be generated as a result of these proposed changes.
- No additional external lights are proposed as a result of these changes.
- The additional driveway surface will be comprise water permeable tarmac to maintain the present drainage characteristics of the land.
- The existing shrubs and trees will not be affected as a result of these changes.

### 03 Noise and Lighting Assessment

The proposed works do not produce additional lighting or noise.