

*THE PARSONAGE HOUSE
BURNHAM THORPE*

PE31 8HW

*PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL GARDEN
HERITAGE & DESIGN
STATEMENT*



Introduction

This Heritage and Design Statement is compiled by George Carter Design Ltd. It accompanies a planning application for the creation of a swimming pool and a pair of timber pool pavilions and minor gardening landscape works.

This application follows on from a Pre-application enquiry submitted to Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council on 12 November 2020 by Richard C F Waite architects, 34 Bridge Street Kings Lynn. Ref No 20/00153/PREAPP logged 13 Nov 2020

This document includes a description of the site, the listing of the house, and its position in the Burnham Thorpe Conservation Area.

The approximate area of the site 2700m². The area of the pool garden is approximately 500 m²

Heritage

The Parsonage House, Burnham Thorpe is a Grade II listed on the Historic England Register of Listed buildings List Entry Number 1239419 (see listing attached as Appendix I)

The entrance front has a facade of 1802 at which time the entrance hall, drawing room, dining room and staircase hall were rebuilt and a new facade added with bow windowed projections to the East and West of the front door. These are faced in mathematical tiles. The rear of the house is in brick flint and clunch and looks of earlier date than the front elevation. This section could have formed at least part of the earlier Rectory occupied by Horatio Nelson's father and where Horatio Nelson was born in 1758. However the original Rectory is said to have been on the road below the present site.

To the North of the house are garages. A brick wall forms the Northern boundary of the property.



The South front of the Parsonage House



The East front of the Parsonage House with modern garages on the right hand side

The Proposed Pool Garden

The proposal is to create a swimming pool and a pair of twin timber pavilions in the lower section of the garden in the NE corner of the site. This section of the garden is already screened by brick walls (ht approx 2m) to the N and E and by mature yew hedging (ht approx 2m) to the S and W. Further trees to the South screen the pool and pavilions from the public road and from the general park itself.

The Pool

The pool is to be 15m x 6m x 1.5m deep of below ground blockwork construction with a pale grey liner. To its North are proposed a pair of timber pavilions 3m square between which is proposed a riven yorkstone terrace. The kerbs of the pool are proposed to be 90cm wide and in cut yorkstone with a 38mm thick bull nose edge. To accomodate the slight fall in the ground to the East of the site, the pool is proposed to be cut into the ground at the W end and slightly raised out of the ground (by 30cm approx) at the E end.

The Pavilions

The pavilions are proposed to be of timber construction clad in sawn finish grey stained feather-edge boarding. The roofs are of cedar shingles with lead hips. The cornice below the roof is of painted timber and the doors are of off white painted hardwood. The proposed footprint is 3m x 3m and ht 4.3m ground to apex of pyramidal roof. A detached brick hearth is proposed between the pavilions in front of the existing brick wall.



A similar 3m square pavilion to that proposed

The left hand pavilion would screen an air source heat pump on its West side. The buildings are very simply detailed but would have the character of late 18th century garden buildings. The cedar shingles proposed for the roofs weather to a pale grey colour which goes well with the grey stained weather-boarded walls.

A detached brick fireplace is proposed to be built centred on the two pavilions 30cm in front of the existing garden wall. The bricks to match the existing red brick wall.

The Pool Materials

The Pool is designed to be simply detailed with cut yorkstone edging 90cm wide with a bull-nosed edge. There are to be no above ground pool steps or handrails so that the pool looks like a garden feature rather than a swimming pool. The grey liner would give the water colour a more natural look than a bright blue liner would give. There would be an automated thermal cover at the water surface and the pool heating system would be by an air source heat pump sited close to the West pavilion. It is proposed that a chemical free filtration be used such as that supplied by e-clear.

The terrace between the two pavilions would be of riven yorkstone and the steps flanking the pool from the existing gate would be constructed of reclaimed brick risers and riven yorkstone treads. The depth of the pool would be 1.5 m throughout.



Appendix I Historic England Listing

Overview

Heritage Category:
Listed Building

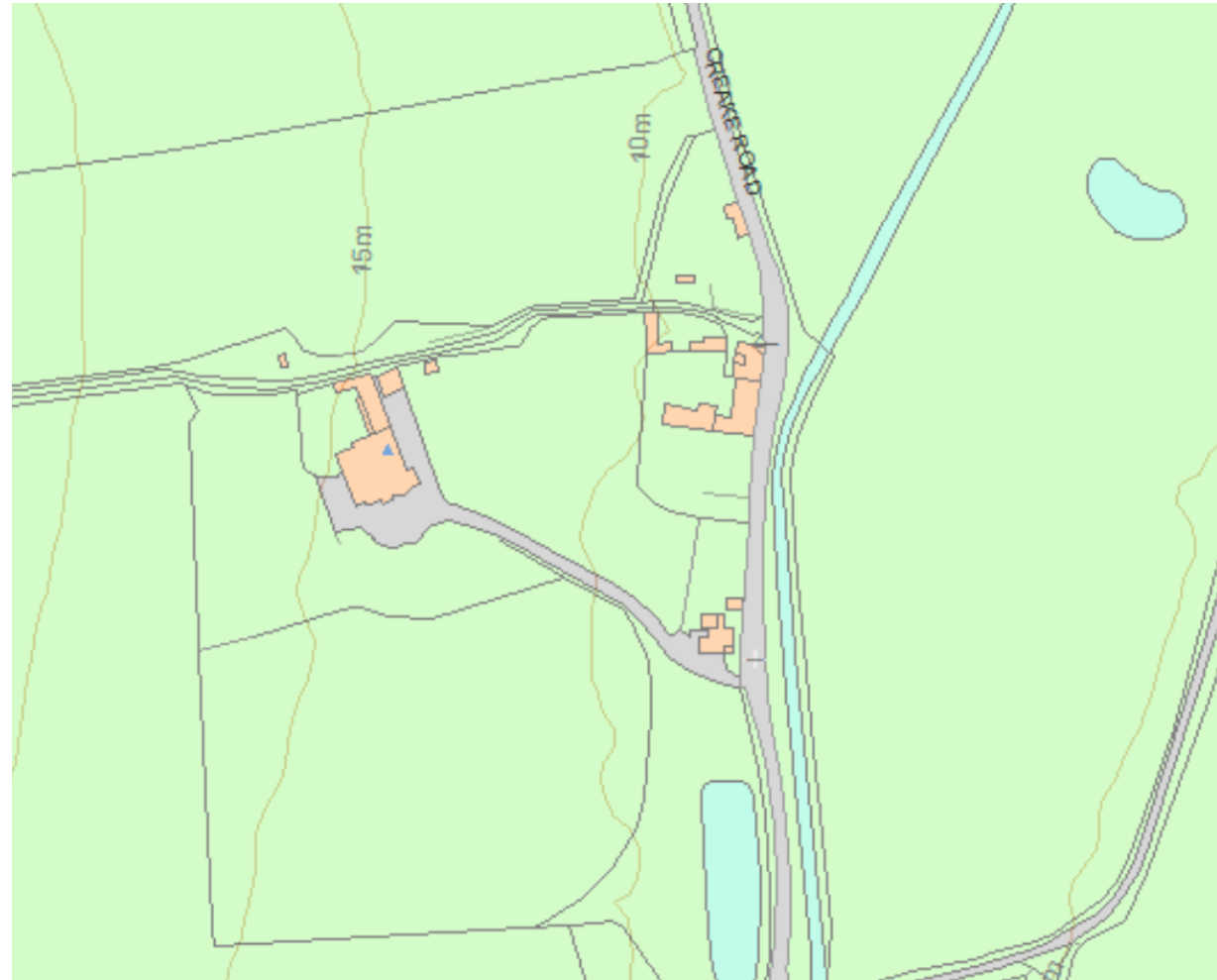
Grade:
II

List Entry Number:
1239419

Date first listed:
01-Mar-1985

Date of most recent amendment:
19-Mar-1986

Statutory Address:
THE PARSONAGE HOUSE, CREAKE ROAD



Details

TF 84 SE BURNHAM THORPE CREAKE ROAD (west)

7/92 The Old Rectory

The item shall be amended to read: The Parsonage House

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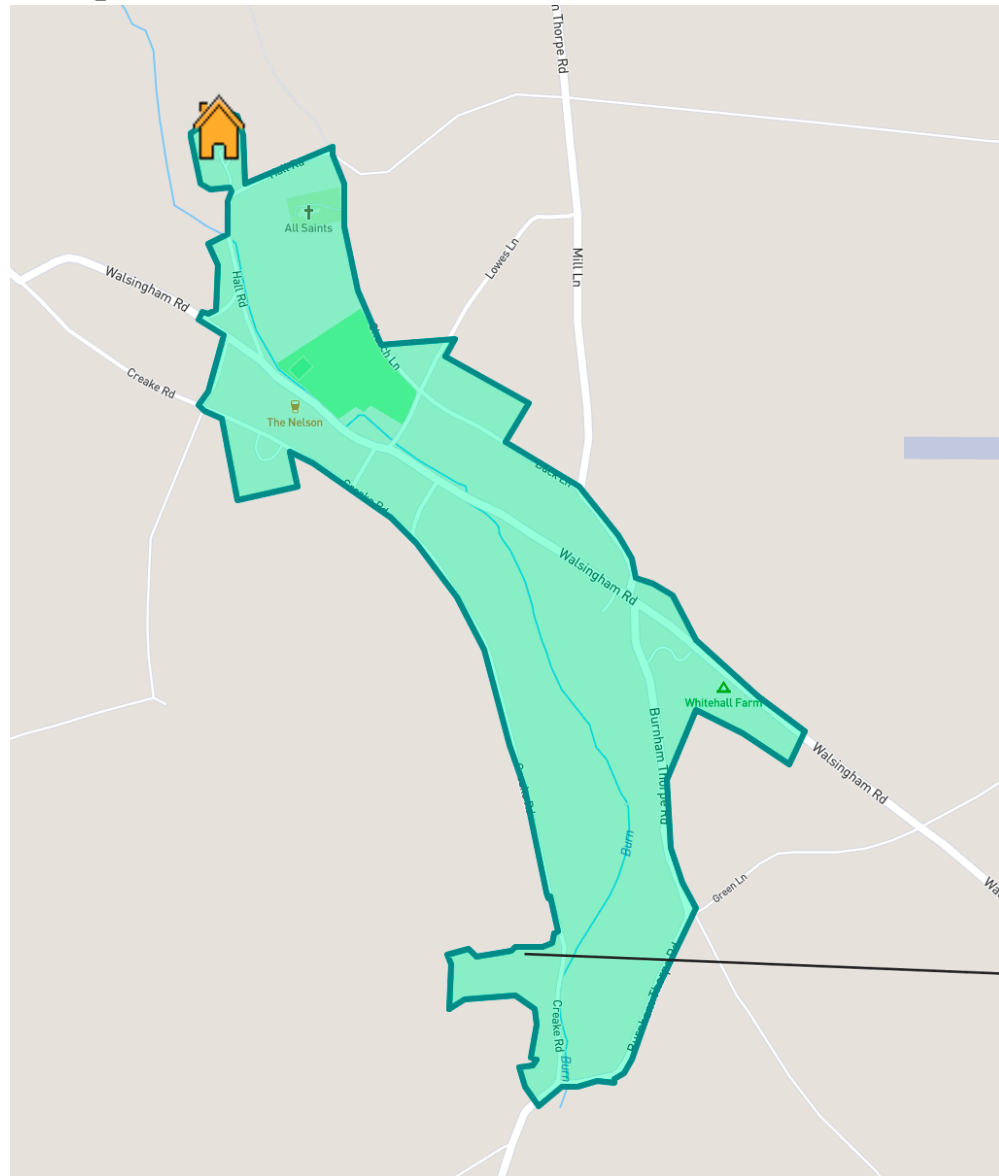
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Former rectory house. 1802. Rendered south front, clunch and brick returns, slate roof. 2 storey 5 bay south front, 2 storey with attic returns to north. Neo-classical. 2 2-bay outer bows segmental on plan have 2 ground and 2 first floor curved sashes with glazing bars, architrave surrounds. Central first floor sash. Central porch has 4 piers with bases and capitals, segmental arch supporting cornice and parapet, part glazed raised and fielded door. Facade has first floor platband, attic cornice and parapet following line of segmental bows. At south single storey blank bay with end pilaster strip and cornice, east return with tripartite sash with glazing bars. Hipped roof with 2 rendered stacks. Replaces Rectory house in which Admiral Lord Nelson was born on different site.

Listing NGR: TF8552840633

Appendix II Conservation Area Boundary Burnham Thorpe



Site location