

Heritage Statement

**New timber boundary fence
Foxwold estate
Pipers Lane
Brasted Chart
TN16 1NE**

**August
2021**



1.0 Introduction

This document has been prepared in support of a retrospective planning application for the erection of a new timber boundary fence to the western boundary of the Foxwold estate, Pipers Lane. The estate comprises the main Foxwold house, the Coach House and the Lodge, all in the ownership of Mr & Mrs Conway. The retrospective planning application (Householder) is being made at the request of Michael Searle, Enforcement Officer, his reference: 20/00587/OPDEV.

The Coach House (& Former Stables) are Grade II Listed and are subsidiary to their host property, the large Victorian house known as Foxwold, which is also Grade II Listed. The Lodge is not listed. The new boundary fence starts at the Coach House and continues to the Lodge.

The listings of both listed properties have been included for completeness in this document. This document should also be read in conjunction with the accompanying Design & Access Statement.

2.0 The site and its surroundings

The new closeboard timber fence is on the line of a previous, lower, timber picket fence, running along the east side of Pipers Lane. The site is within the Metropolitan Green Belt and is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). To the south east of the site there is an area of Ancient Woodland.

3.0 Background & Significance

The Coach House and Stables were built in 1883 by the eminent Victorian architect, Sir Alexander Stenning, at the same time as he built the large house called Foxwold, which they served. They are built in the Vernacular Revival Style and comprise north and south wings linked by a retaining wall with integral mounting block. The full listing is attached to this document.

The heritage significance of The Coach House and Stables chiefly results from the intricate vernacular revival detailing externally, which is generally still in good condition. The interiors have been adapted for modern living.

The heritage significance of Foxwold, which is in the same style, is relatively greater as many parts of the interior have been preserved.

4.0 Schedule of Proposed Works for Listed Building Consent

A previous timber picket fence of twentieth, or possibly early twenty-first, century origin has been replaced by a modern closeboard timber fence running on the same line.

5.0 Assessment of impact of the works

The new fence is among trees and bushes and cannot be readily seen from the Listed Buildings and therefore is of relatively low impact on their own settings. The fence is visible on Pipers Lane but not very visible within the wider landscape. The applicant is open to the idea of staining the new fence, say, a very dark green, as close as possible to the 'Invisible Green' made popular by the famous landscape gardener, Humphry Repton, who

recommended it for fencing and railings so that they would blend better with background vegetation. The applicant is also open to additional planting, to be agreed with the council, on the roadside face to reduce its visual impact.

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Foxwold

Overview

Heritage Category:
Listed Building

Grade:
II

List Entry Number:
1455408

Date first listed:
15-Oct-2001

Statutory Address:
Pipers Lane, Brasted

Map



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Details

TQ46435347 BRASTED PIPERS LANE Foxwold

II

Large house. Dated 1883, built by Sir Alexander Stenning for Horace Noble Pym, builders Durtneils. Arts and Crafts style. Asymmetrical building built of brick in Flemish bond with some sandstone window dressings, sections of timberframing with plastered infill and tile-hanging with bands of plain and fishscale tiles. Tiled roof with five tall ribbed brick chimneystacks. Building is roughly rectangular in plan but with a spur to the north west. EXTERIOR: Two storeys and attics: irregular fenestration with nine windows to entrance front. Plinth. South-west or entrance front has a pair of conjoined gables to the right with bargeboards, tile-hanging and two three-light wooden mullioned windows. First floor has timberframing with curved braces and two triple mullioned and transomed windows. Ground floor has two triple sandstone ovolo-moulded windows under which later C20 sashes have been inserted. Two brick and sandstone buttresses. Adjoining bay to left has triple hipped dormer. Two mullioned and transomed casements to first floor which has bands of plain and fishscale tiles and tall triple height 4-light casement to ground floor. Attached to left is brick and timberframed porch with tiled roof and four cinquefoil-headed lights to sides. Front has four-centred arch with floral spandrels, double doors which are half-glazed and trefoil-headed lights to sides. To the left is a large timberframed gable, close-studded with curved braces. The second floor has a four-light mullioned and transomed window with pseudo-machicolations. Coved cornice with plastered decoration with date 1883, male terms, phoenixes and youthful terms with floral swags. First floor has two paired mullioned and transomed windows with mostly original leaded lights to left and four-light four bay wooden staircase window, the top two tiers with leaded lights. Ground floor has three casements. The remainder of this front to the left was the service end. The ground floor is of red brick, the first floor tile-hung with courses of plain and fishscale tiles. One hipped dormer with some original glazing. Second floor has two mullioned windows, the ground floor a double mullioned and transomed window. Projecting gable with timberframing to top then tile-hanging below and one window to each floor, the first floor window with original blue leaded lights. Projecting to the north-west is a one storey kitchen with very steeply pitched tiled roof and gable with timberframing and bargeboards. South-west side elevation has tall chimneystack and sandstone plaque with two putti and strapwork enclosing circular panel with initials HP and date 1883. North-east or garden front has to the left an angled tile-hung gable with triple mullioned window to attic. Coved cornice has masks of young and old men and strapwork decoration. First floor is timberframed with four-light mullioned and transomed window, the upper parts having original glazing. Curved sandstone bay to ground floor. Adjoining part has one window to first floor, C20 window to ground floor and two-centred arched door. This is followed by a projecting two storey canted bay with metal finial with sphere, the first floor timberframed, ground floor sandstone. A recessed section has hipped dormer with original blue glass, a first floor mullioned and transomed window and a double mullioned window to ground floor. This is followed by a projecting gable with close-studding and tile-hanging with four-light mullioned and transomed window to attic. Coved cornice has plaster male terms with phoenixes, terms fighting beasts growing out of their tails and sun motifs. First floor has two three-light mullioned and transomed windows and timberframing with curved braces. Ground floor has tall five-light canted bay with central French window. Recessed end was service end. Second floor has two timberframed gables with three windows, two retaining blue opaque glass, this floor supported on four timber brackets. First floor has three windows and is tile-hung. Ground floor has two mullioned and transomed windows divided by sandstone elliptical arched windows and six-panelled door behind. A cast iron plaque is attached to the wall. To the extreme right is a one storey service range of red brick with sandstone dressings, tiled roof with octagonal turret, the base of lead, wooden louvres above and shingled roof with metal finial. Central timberframed gable. Central mullioned and transomed window and five windows with narrow lights. North west side has external chimneystack and gable end with upper floors tile-hung, mullioned and transomed windows and gabled entrance to rear door. INTERIOR: Staircase Hall has strapwork ceiling, panelling to height of about six feet, fireplace with wooden panelling and marble. Four-centred arched door and three arches, the central taller, lead to staircase which has turned balusters and newel posts with ball finials, dado panelling, Morris and Co wallpaper and glazed screen with a modified Venetian window to the landing. Library was originally an L-shaped room, one part partitioned off in later C20. Strapwork ceiling and wooden fireplace with fielded panelling and an ash fireplace with Japanese pattern to coving. Elliptical arch to north west originally had settles, removed in later C20. Original built-in bookshelves. A further elliptical arch had been filled-in and the part of the original

Library now partitioned off has original built-in seating. Dining Room had a wooden fireplace with fluted columns and ovolo moulding and at time of inspection also housed some of the original Library bookshelves. The Kitchen retains original plank panelling and cupboards, the Pantry retains original dressers, the former Servants hall has a wooden fireplace, three wooden cupboards and a moulded cornice and the servants' bells and dumb waiter remain. The larder remains with arch-braced roof, tiled walls and floor and wooden shelves and a Game Larder with hooks to the ceiling. First floor has Principal bedroom with painted panelling and cast iron fireplace with tiled surround. An adjoining room, probably an upstairs sitting room, has a fireplace with wooden panelling, marble and tiles and built-in seating. A further room had a wooden and marble fireplace with tiled surround. Former Schoolroom had fireplace with tiled surround. Attic floor had boarded ceilings and corridors and incorporated a trunkroom. A Book Room had a tiled fireplace. Further boarded rooms with wooden and tiled fireplaces.

[Article in The Times 29/04/2001.]

Sources

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FORMER STABLES AND COACH HOUSE AND LINKING WALL AND MOUNTING BLOCK TO THE SOUTH WEST OF FOXWOLD

Overview

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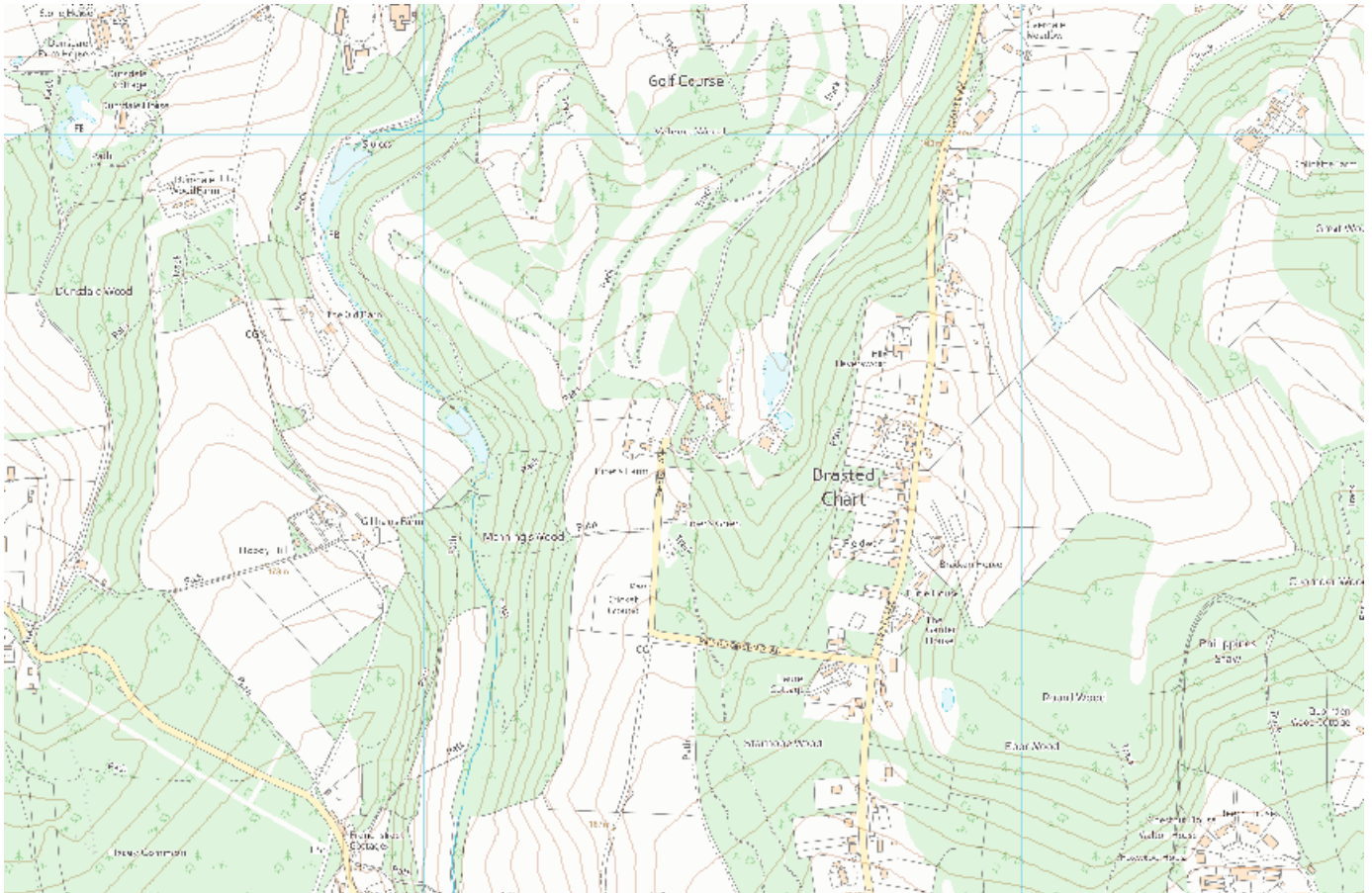
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Details

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771/0/10076 Former stables, coach house, linking w 29-OCT-00 all and mounting block to the south west of Foxwold

GV II

Former stables and coach house and linking wall with mounting block. 1883 by Sir Alexander Stenning in a Vernacular Revival style. Comprises a north and a south wing linked by a wall incorporating mounting block. EXTERIOR: South wing has a ground floor of red brick in Flemish bond and a first floor either tile-hung or timber-framed with plastered infill. Tiled roof with two tall brick chimneystacks and an octagonal cupola, the base of lead, louvred wood above and ogee-shaped roof with metal weathervane. North side has penticed verandah supported on two cast iron columns. To right are two conjoined gables, close-studded, with curved braces and two mullioned and transomed casements. Below are three wooden double doors to former coach house. To the left the ground floor is of brick with four-light mullioned and transomed window. Projecting wing to left has close-studding to gable, tile-hanging to first floor with former hoist to hayloft. Ground floor has corner five-light mullioned and transomed window. Return has gable with close-studding and triple mullioned window. Rear or south elevation has ground floor of red brick, tile-hung first floor and four mullioned windows. Attached by a red brick wall incorporating a curve and built-in mounting block is the north wing, former stables. This is of one storey brick with tiled roof and two close-studded and tiled gables. There are three mullioned and transomed windows with stable door to right and double door to left. INTERIOR: South wing has a tack room with boarded walls, cupboard, firegrate and brick floor. Hayloft and accommodation to upper floor. North wing retains two stalls with wooden partition, the upper part of the walls is tiled and there are cast iron feed baskets.

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