

## HERITAGE STATEMENT

Description: Erection of a Close Boarded Wooden Fence to be situated between Existing Outbuildings and Existing Wooden Shed

Address: 9 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, CV8 3DD

Applicant: Mr. D. K. Morris

### Introduction

This Heritage Statement supports the application for planning permission and listed building consent to erect a 1.8m high close boarded wooden fence alongside an existing outbuilding (used originally for coal storage) and an existing wooden garden shed within the curtilage of Number 9 Birmingham Road Stoneleigh. The fence is to provide visual security to the existing outbuilding which is used only for storage. The outbuilding and shed are within the curtilage of 9 Birmingham Road, which is a Grade II Listed Building, it is also within the Stoneleigh conservation area.

### Site History

The site has been in use as a dwelling house since at least the 18th century. There is no planning history visible on the Warwick District Council website for No. 9 Birmingham Road.

### Description of Historic Asset

Numbers 9 and 10 Birmingham Road form a pair of semidetached dwellings which are Grade II Listed, list entry number 1364979. The dwellings are constructed in red brickwork with plain red roof tiles, Number 9 has exposed timbers in its outer walls and is situated approximately 20m from the Birmingham Road. The building is thought to have been constructed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century

### Impact on Historic Asset

No works are proposed to the listed building itself.

The proposed fence will form visual screening of the existing outbuilding doors to provide increased security for the contents stored within. The outbuildings were thought to have been built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and the wooden shed erected in the early 1970's.

The proposed fence will be sympathetic to the existing adjacent buildings with materials used being similar in style and colour to the wooden shed. The fence will not be visible from Numbers 9 or 10, being screened by existing trees and hedging.

It is not connected to the houses in any way, being situated approximately 15m from the listed buildings themselves.

### Impact on Conservation Area

The proposed fence is set back from the road (30m) and the majority is not visible from the roadway being perpendicular to it and situated between the two existing buildings, therefore there will be no appreciable impact on the conservation area.

### Mitigation of Negative Impacts

The use of dark treated timber, similar to the existing wooden shed, will ensure that any negative impact is small and is far outweighed by the positive impacts of keeping the outbuildings in use for secure storage.

### Conclusion

In my opinion, the proposal is in keeping with the heritage asset and the larger Stoneleigh conservation area, the proposal will have a beneficial impact in terms of preserving the use of the outbuilding and visually improve the outlook from the garden.