

HERITAGE STATEMENT

THE OLD POST OFFICE, ALDERLEY GL12 7QT

LOCATION

The house is sited within the boundaries of the small Alderley village, which is in the Stroud district of Gloucestershire. The village stands on a hill in the Cotswolds above the confluence of two rivulets, 3 miles east south east of Charfield and 4 miles north east of Wickwar. At one time the village boasted a post office, which is the subject of this application.

HISTORY OF THE HOUSE

The original cottage was constructed approximately 340 years ago in the late 17th century. The building remained much in its original state until the first known extension was carried out in 1930.

In 1982 the house was doubled in size by a local builder, Jocham & Kendall, and then again by the present owner in 2017.

A further side extension for a garage and a bedroom was approved in 2021.

NEW PROPOSAL

The new proposal is for a rear single storey extension to form an extension to the kitchen and a glazed breakfast area to better enjoy the view of the garden. The new extension has a mostly rendered wall to its south-west elevation, which faces the closest neighbour. This will match the existing house, with the areas which face the garden constructed using an oak frame with glazed panels and doors.

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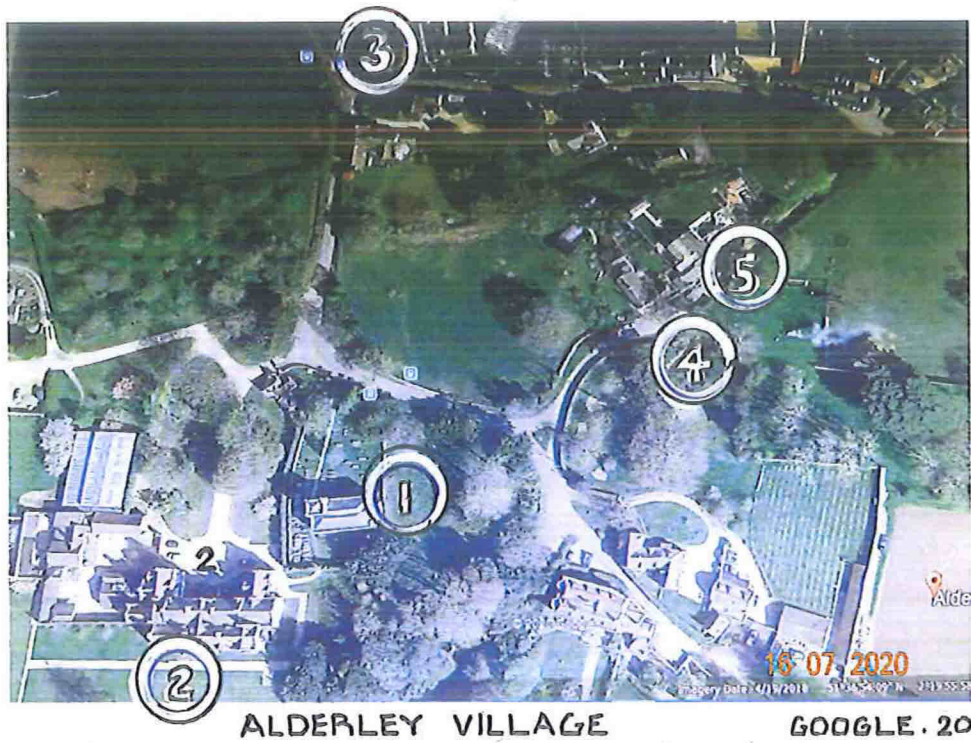
Within the bounds of the village, there are several buildings of interest.

The church of St Kenelm was re-built in a Gothic style in 1802, but the tower dates back to c1450.

Immediately to the south west of St Kenelms church is Alderley House, a 19th century neo-Elizabethan Manor house designed [REDACTED] constructed 1859 to 1863. The house is located on a site of an earlier Jacobean house, built [REDACTED] in 1656 to 1662. Whilst for the 70 years following the outbreak of World War II, it was used as a school, it is now a private dwelling.

Alderley Grange, lies to the north of St Kenelms church, and the north west of The Old Post Office, was constructed c1760.

1. ST. KENEIM CHURCH.
2. ALDERLEY HOUSE.
3. ALDERLEY GRANGE
4. PAIR OF GATE PIERS.
5. THE OLD POST OFFICE.



Close to the Old Post Office there are a pair of interesting gatepiers, which are listed NGR 76959085.

These piers were possible from a former house, no longer standing, mid/late 18th century. They are rusticated dressed stone on bases, with moulded cornices and very large egg shaped finials, with “egg cup” stylised fluted acanthus design.



CONCLUSION

The Old Post Office is set on the edge of the village, at a distance from most of the heritage assets, apart from that of the afore-mentioned gate piers, which are themselves on the opposite side of the lane and well away and out of site of the proposed extension, which is to the rear of the house.

The historic heritage value of the village rests largely within the main buildings, as listed previously, and not in the part of village occupied by The Old Post Office. The site of the proposed extension is to the north-west and behind the property, thus making no impact on either the heritage assets or the wider conservation area.

In the section that can be seen by its close neighbours, the materials will blend with the existing building and surroundings.