

Design, Access and Heritage Summary

For alterations and improvement to walls at entrance including new vehicle gates, new arched brick opening with gate and associated hard landscaping

Cranmer House
Main Street
Aslockton
NG13 9AL



1. Introduction

- Cranmer House is situated in the village of Aslockton and within the value of Belvoir;
- The property was built on the site of the original Tudor manor where Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury spent his early years;
- Dating from circa 1690s, the house is of a vernacular design;
- Vehicle access is via Main Street with the private driveway running along the northern boundary alongside the formal front garden;

2. Brief

- The client wishes to create a gated vehicle entrance, working sensitively with the constraints and features of the site;
- Alongside this, the proposal includes for a new pedestrian gates from the driveway into the front gardens;
- The overall aim is to improve the general appearance and security of the property through sensitive alterations; to create an overall positive setting;

3. Proposal

3.1. Vehicle access

- The alterations do not fundamentally alter the position of the entrance and as such no highways works are required;
- A pair of cast-iron gates have been proposed at a position set back approximately 7.7m from the Main Street pavement. These gates include reclaimed stone pillars either side with short lengths of brickwork flanking walls. The style of the brick walls and piers will be in keeping with the existing boundary wall that separates the driveway from the front garden area. Images of the existing walls can be found in Appendix A;
- The cast iron gates will be of an ornate style, details of which could be provided at a later date;
- A small section of brick wall (1.4m in length) immediately fronting the highway edge is to be removed up to a natural breaking point where it abuts a brick pier. This is turn allows for a border of a similar width each side of the driveway. The lamp post that is located next to the end wall will be relocated further along the pavement edge so as to not hinder access and for aesthetic purposes. The proposed works to the lamppost have already been agreed with Via East Midlands Ltd
- The drive will include a cobble sett hard surfacing from the highway edge up to the new gates. Beyond which the gravel driveway will remain as existing;

- The drive way includes a small bin store area, concealed by a new yew hedgerow and estate railings; to which a small pedestrian gate is also included;

3.2. Access to formal gardens

- The existing brick wall bordering the driveway and front garden is approximately 2m high, built with a stretcher bond with soldiered brick coping and corbelled sweep beneath;
- The wall will include a 1.8m wide opening serving 2 cast iron gates;
- The opening will include a feature archway over and steps leading up into the garden;
- The gates will be fabricated in a style similar to that of the new vehicle entrance; to create consistency;

4. Conclusion

- The series of sensitive alterations seek to improve the setting of Cranmer House, in particular on approach from Main Street to which the property fronts;
- As such it is respectfully requested that planning is approved.

5. Photo Appendix







