

Design and Access Statement in Support of Listed Building Consent Application for Gedding Hall, Gedding, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 0QD

Restoration work to timber bridge, bench seats and gates



Figure 1

Site

Gedding is a village and civil parish in the Mid Suffolk district of Suffolk in Eastern England. Located around six miles southeast of Bury St Edmunds. The site is approximately 14 acres with a late 15th century Grade II\* listed hall with bridge attached to south side of gatehouse. (Figure 1).



Figure 2

### Access

The site has vehicle access from the highway on the East boundary. The scheme proposes to not alter the property externally neither the access; therefore, no alteration or change is required to the Highways access.

## Listing

GEDDING DRINKSTONE ROAD TL 95 NE 3/63 Gedding Hall with bridge - attached to south side of Gatehouse 15.11.54 - II\* Fragment of moated manor house; early C16, possibly for Sir Edward Chamberlain (d.1541). Major additions of 1897 for Arthur S. Wakerley Esq., Red brick, with crowstepped parapet gables to gatehouse. Plain tiled roofs: polygonal gable chimneys of red brick. Prominent early C16 gatehouse with a contemporary range to right. Attached corner tower and rear range both added 1897. Walls on east and south sides rise sheer from two arms of the moat. Gatehouse: 2 storeys and attics. Large 4-centred arched gateway with C19 recessed blocking containing a window. Flanking the gateway, a pair of 3- storey splayed bays with slender buttresses, and at 1st floor a cavetto- moulded band containing a frieze of motifs resembling ballflowers. Each bay has a gabled roof, possibly original, and on each side is a splayed garderobe cantilevered over the moat. 2-light mullioned brick windows, each light with a 4-centred arched head, the whole within a splayed square-headed recessed frame, and plastered to simulate ashlar work. Casements with leaded glazing (some windows are blocked and others have lost their plasterwork). At main chamber level at 1st storey, the windows continue around 3 faces of the bays. Over the gateway is a similar window of 4 lights and above it is a parapet. The range to right is probably contemporary: 2 storeys, 3 windows. Some C16 mullioned windows, but most replaced by larger c19 casements, A doorway at basement has external steps leading down to the moat. (An early c19 print shows two large parapeted gables, one with a finial at the apex). The tower is of red brick with flat roof behind parapets. At mid-height is a diaper- pattern frieze and in large figures "18 REBUILT 97", all in gault brick. Mullioned windows, and a cupola roofed turret. Interior not examined. The gatehouse is approached by a C19 wooden bridge linking with a brick jetty at the outer bank of the moat: a low parapet on either side has terminal piers bearing ball finials.

## Design and Layout

The aim of the proposal is to make vital repairs to the timber footbridge without changing its appearance. The primary structure and timber planks that make up the surface to walk on need replacing as they are no longer deemed safe. The bridges state of repair is to be surveyed by JP Chicks structural engineering to determine which components of the bridge need to be replaced and which pieces can be retained. Any components that need replacing will be done so with the proper techniques and materials to match the existing like for like.

## Appearance

All materials to match existing like for like as attached drawing 0205-0201-P01-Plans & Elevations as Proposed.