Heritage Statement – prepared for Town Farm, 43 High Street, Cheddington, LU7 ORG

Date: 17th January 2023

Reason for submission: Intention to replace two entry doors

The building and its setting:

Town Farm, 43 High Street is a Grade II listed building as of 1984. It is an L-plan, two-storey house and has seen alterations to the building across the centuries $(17^{\text{th}} - 20^{\text{th}})$.

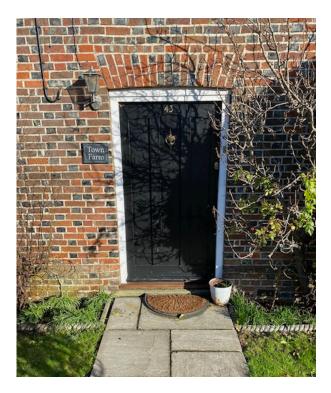
It has two external-facing doors – the front door leading onto the High Street and the kitchen side door which leads into the Town Farm parking area. The front door is described as a 'wide C20 door, also with cambered head' by Historic England. The kitchen door is believed to have been installed in the 80s and is a wooden stable door (pictures of both existing doors have been supplied separately and are also below for reference).

The house sits on the High Street but is also a part of the Town Farm cul-de-sac.



Please see the map below and other maps supplied:

Existing front door as seen in January 2023:



Existing kitchen side door as seen in January 2023:



Description as per Historic England Official List Entry: CHEDDINGTON, HIGH STREET No. 43 (Town Farmhouse) (Formerly listed as No. 45 (Town Farmhouse)) House. Early C18 with C17 rear wing, altered. Front range has timber frame with brick infill to rear, and front of chequer brick with glazed dark headers and moulded plinth and eaves. Old tile roof, hipped to right, with rebuilt brick chimneys to left and between right bays. L-plan, the right side rebuilt in brick C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. C19 3-light barred wooden casements with cambered heads, the lower left and upper right windows blocked. Central bay has wide C20 door, also with cambered head. Left gable has 2 blind window panels with segmental heads to each floor, the lower left now with board door, the lower right with small 2-light casement. Rear wing has timber frame with brick infill, the ground floor partly rebuilt C19. Old tile roof, hipped to right with C19 brick chimney to centre. 2 storeys, 3 bays. C19 paired barred wooden casements in left bays, right bay blank. Doors to left and centre. C19 lean-to to right. Rear wall rebuilt C19.

Feature	Description	Significance	Proposed	Possible	Justification
			Works	impact	or
					Mitigation
External	Black	Medium	Replace the	None	The existing
front	wooden		door, the		door is
door	front door		replacement		unusable – it
	with a		also being		has not
	design		black,		opened for a
	featuring 3		wooden and		number of
	vertical		replicating		years due to
	panels		the existing		severe
			design.		warping. It
					also allows
					significant
					loss of heat
					given gaps
					between the
					door and the
					frame etc.
					The
					replacement
					door would
					be tailor-
					made to
					replicate the
					existing
					front door.
External	Black	Low	Replace the	None	The existing
kitchen	wooden		door, the		door allows

Impact of the proposed works (door replacements):

Π

side door	stable door	replacement	for
	including a	also being a	significant
	rectangular	black	heat loss as
	pane of	wooden	to combat
	glass	stable door	warping
	8	and	over the
		including	years,
		rectangular	previous
		panes of	owners have
		glass on the	shaved
		upper	wood off.
		section.	Equally, the
			door is a
			security risk
			with poor
			locks and
			not closing
			tightly. The
			replacement
			door has
			been
			selected to
			be as close
			as possible
			in
			design/look
			and feel to
			the current
			one whilst
			solving the
			above
			issues.