

Heritage Statement – prepared for Town Farm, 43 High Street, Cheddington, LU7 0RG

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 (17th – 20th).

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))

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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.

Impact of the proposed works (door replacements):

Feature	Description	Significance	Proposed Works	Possible impact	Justification or Mitigation
External front door	Black wooden front door with a design featuring 3 vertical panels	Medium	Replace the door, the replacement also being black, wooden and replicating the existing design.	None	The existing door is unusable – it has not opened for a number of years due to severe 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 kitchen	Black wooden	Low	Replace the door, the	None	The existing door allows

side door	stable door including a rectangular pane of glass		replacement also being a black wooden stable door and including rectangular panes of glass on the upper section.	for significant heat loss as to combat warping over the years, previous owners have shaved wood off. 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.
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