NUNNYKIRK HALL ENCLOSURE 8.2

THE PROPOSED WORKS

Nunnykirk Hall Nunnykirk Morpeth NE61 4PB List Entry NGR:

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Service Wing

The 'Service Wing' also comprises of three (3) floors and, as with the main house, where rooms have been modified, these are again late C20 additions added whilst the property was an independent residential school. Again, as with the main house, there are only a few very minor additions, as detailed below, and on Enclosures 8.3 to 8.8, showing the current floor plans and the proposed minor alterations for each floor, respectively.

The proposed works outlined through Enclosures 8.3 to 8.8 are designed to create three (3) separate apartments, one on each floor of the wing - Apartments 1, 2 and 3, on the ground, first, and second floors, respectively. Due to the size of the wing, and the internal space of each floor, it is conceivable that more apartments/flats could be generated; however, we are very conscious that this could/would have a detrimental affect on the original layout and flow of the original configuration of the rooms and their intended use, and this would unquestionably result in more work and additions to the property, with regards to electrical rewiring, plumbing for central heating, additional partition walls, and the introduction of new bathrooms and kitchens. In light of this, as mentioned above, it is proposed that each floor of the wing will only provide one apartment, thus three (3) apartments in total, which have been used as such in the past prior to the property being used as a residential school. Michael Orde (pers comms, 2023) has kindly provided some details on this as follows:

The house and surrounding land was occupied by the army during WWII.

Following the war, my grandfather, Sir Charles Orde, returned to live in Nunnykirk, following his retirement from the FCO.

In 1950, my parents, David & Audrey Orde got married and lived in the top floor of the wing.

As their family expanded during the 1950s, they installed an internal staircase connecting the 1st and 2nd floors of the wing and lived in both floors until 1966.

In 1966 they moved into the front of the house and my grandfather was installed in a flat on the 1st floor of the wing.

From 1966, the top floor of the wing was separately occupied by my grandfather's housekeeper.

Whilst the house was let to the school from 1 January 1977, my grandfather and his housekeeper remained in occupation of their flats in the wing until his death in 1980.

At that point the flats in the wing were occupied by the school and they had a member of staff living in the 2nd floor flat until only a few years ago.

Minor C20 alterations on the 'Ground Floor' of the wing include blocking up an original door in an alcove between the 'Old Kitchen' (W6) and 'Garden Room' (W5), on the 'Ground Floor', as a means of creating two separate classrooms; with the Garden Room, with direct access to the rear garden, being used as a science lab. It is proposed that a door is reinstated in the alcove (see Enclosures 8.3 and 8.4), thus restoring the original layout and access through the two rooms. Room W1, which is currently a bathroom will remain the same, whilst the adjacent Room W2, currently also a bathroom will be used as a bedroom. It is proposed that the Garden Room (W5), with its existing water feeds and waste, would be the kitchen for the apartment.

On the 'First Floor' of the wing, the only proposed works is the reinstate the bathroom in Room W11, utilising the existing soil pipe, with the rest of the room being used as a kitchen (see Enclosure 8.6).

On the 'Second Floor' of the wing, the proposed work is again confined to only one room throughout the entire floor/apartment, and that is to remove the C20 partition walls, bath and wash hand basins, as a means of opening up the room to its original size (Enclosure 8.8).