

Heritage Statement

This heritage statement accompanies an application at 3 North Fen Road, Helpringham for a proposed single storey side extension including the demolition of existing lean-to structure and new garden shed to replace the existing garage (to be demolished).

The property is located within Helpringham Conservation Area and is located adjacent to 2 no. grade II listed buildings, no's 5 and 7 North Fen Road. These buildings are located on the south-eastern boundary of 3 North Fen Road. The listing on Historic England relates to the external appearance of the buildings, some of which has been altered in the 20th century.

3 North Fen Road is a semi-detached brick-built property with a lean-to structure to the side. The proposed side extension sits on the footprint of the existing lean-to structure. The lean-to structure is clad in timber to the front, and brickwork to the side and rear with large inefficient windows to many of the elevations and a polycarbonate roof. The proposed materials of the extension are to match existing as shown on the drawings. It is felt that the proposals of a brickwork structure and the introduction of a parapet wall to the front would be an improvement to the setting of the listed building and the impact on the conservation area would be minimal due to the side extension being largely hidden by a hedge to the front.

The garage to 3 North Fen Road consists of a concrete panel structure with a metal garage door. The asbestos roof has been previously removed as it was unsafe and dangerous. The proposed shed would be of tongue and groove timber construction with a felt roof and would sit within the footprint of the existing garage. It is proposed to have a dual pitch roof similar to the existing removed asbestos roof. Access to the shed would be from the rear garden of the property (3 North Fen Road) as indicated on the drawings. It is felt that the proposals of a smaller timber shed would be an improvement to the setting of the of the listed building and the impact on the conservation area would be minimal.

In conclusion it is felt that the proposals of the side extension and new timber shed at 3 North Fen Road will have a positive impact, and will therefore have little or no harm to the setting of the listed building or have any impact on the conservation area.

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