

Heritage Statement

19 October 2023

Attn: Shanta Simmonds - Support Officer
Dover District Council Planning
Council Offices
White Cliffs Business Park Dover
Kent CT16 3PJ

Dear Shanta,

In regards to the Chimney refurbishment of 7 Blenheim Road, Deal, Kent, CT14 7AJ.

HERITAGE STATEMENT

This statement forms part of a planning & listed building application for a the refurbishment of dangerous chimneys on an existing dwelling that is grade II listed.

It is not a standalone document, it must be read with the plans which constitute the principle information.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This Heritage Statement has been prepared to support an application for Listed Building Consent and Full Planning Permission for the restoration of 2 chimneys.

1.2. The proposal has been discussed informally at various stages between Cynthia Barlow and Alison Cummings (Principal Heritage Officer Dover District Council) whom has been kept informed of the proposal and scope of the intended development which has led directly to the form, design & size of the proposal.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1. Planning permission is sought for the restoration of 3 chimneys as described in the planning application with application number PP-12519673.

3. IDENTIFYING THE HERITAGE ASSET

3.1 Semi detached house, 7 Blenheim Road, Deal, Kent CT14 7AJ. The two chimneys are built in period brickwork from approximately 1812. The heritage assets in question need to be restored and are a danger to the building and need to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

3.2 In regards to the heritage rules https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/collections/getrecord/GB51_DC_Do the Chimney needs to be rebuilt to best possible adherence to the original works as possible.

4.0 ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT AND MITIGATION

4.1 The elements of the proposals and their likely impact and mitigation proposed can be assessed with regard to the specific elements of the scheme. These are addressed below:

4.2 Removal of chimneys that are in danger of collapsing. The rebuilding of the chimneys to ensure their safety and the continuance of the building.

4.3 The proposed new Chimneys will be built upon the existing locations.

4.5 The appearance of the new Chimneys will be built to be as traditional as possible in respect to the nature of the listed building. They are formed in brick as per the brickwork of the area.

4.6 It is considered that the fixes proposed are the most effective and appropriate form of building design to achieve the required space whilst respecting the setting, appearance and character of the listed building.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 It is considered that the proposed works are sensibly designed, proportioned and respects the setting, character and appearance of the listed building.

5.2 Our intended restoration of the chimneys are sympathetic and in keeping with the original historic features of the property and should be commended.

5.3 The proposals are considered to positively contribute to the character, appearance and setting of the Grade II listed building and have been discussed with the Principal Heritage Officer Dover District Council at various stages of design and we hope as a result they should be approved.

19th October 2023

Yours sincerely,

Cynthia Barlow

