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## HERITAGE STATEMENT

**Project:** Proposed Porch  
Hawley Barn  
Hawley Road  
Blackwater  
GU17 9ED

**Client:** Mr and Mrs Sane

**Ref:** 2797-RDJWL-XX-02-RP-A-0006

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## 1.0 Introduction

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This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of a planning application for a porch to the above property which is located in the Hawley Park and Green Conservation Area.

## 2.0 The Site and Context

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The Hawley Park and Green Conservation Area boundary was re-surveyed in 2011 and a small addition was proposed, namely the addition of Hawley Farm House and a brick barn (now Hawley Barn) which lie on the north side of Hawley Road.

The Conservation Area contains buildings from the 18th to 19th century and are characterised by their style, setting, features and materials. Together they create a built environment that is desirable and worthy of preservation. Key characteristic historic materials used in the construction of buildings in the conservation area are typically red brick walled structures, black stained timbers, plain tiled roofs. This application respects this and is sympathetic to using matching materials.

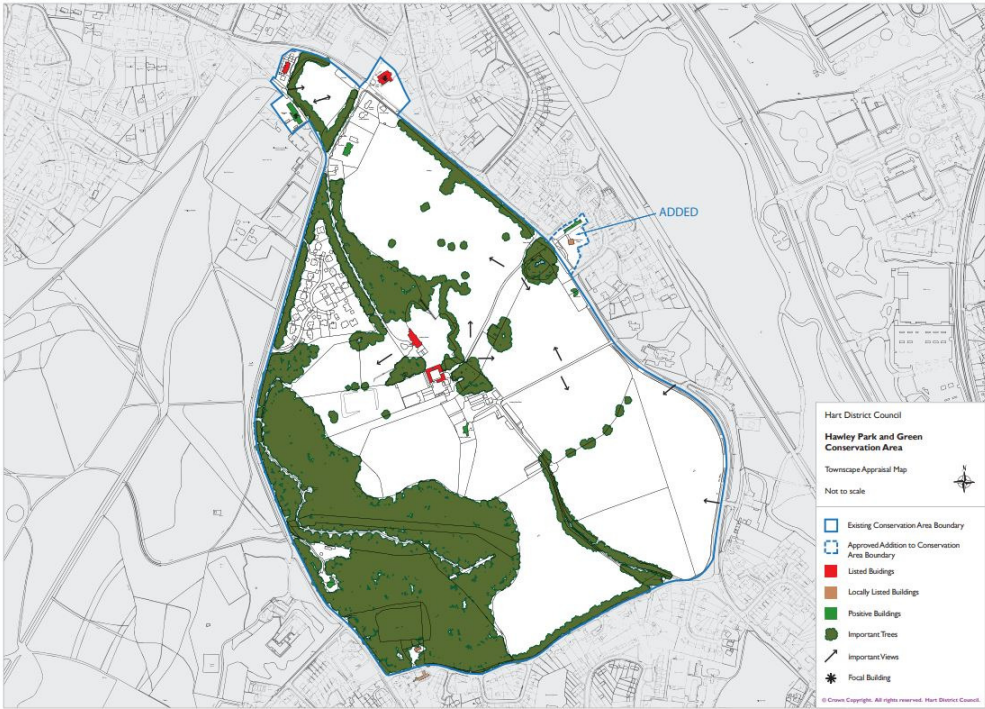
The application property is located on the peripheral of the Conservation Area as noted above and at the time the following information was provided in the *Character Appraisals and Management Proposals* dated December 2012 issued by Hart District Council:

*'The adjoining barn, which is in poor condition, is all that is left of a large complex of farm buildings that appear to have been demolished in the 1960s or 1970s when new houses were built around the site. Improvements, apart from basic repairs, include the removal of vegetation and the replacement of the modern garage doors in the gabled wing which faces Thornfield Green.'*

The buildings were noted as being 'at risk' but have recently been saved and renovated. The building is not Listed (Locally or Nationally) and is not of Townscape Merit.

Hart District Council were unsuccessful in listing the barn buildings in 2004 and determined it to be of insufficient quality. The buildings are however seen to be "Positive Buildings" having relevance to past as a small agricultural settlement. The 2012 "Character Appraisal and Management Proposals" reported that it was already in a poor condition at the time and has since deteriorated further. The buildings appear on an 1846 map and is all that was left of a large complex of farm buildings that appeared to have been demolished in the 1960's, 1970's when the areas around the property were developed for housing.

The extent of the Conservation Area is indicated on the diagram below and indicates the 'added' nature of this site.



*Conservation Area Plan © HDC 2012*

The aerial view below shows the site has been surrounded by modern housing to the east and has little impact on the main Hawley Road as the trees form an effective screen.



*Aerial View © Bing 2022*



**3.0 Proposal**

The proposed porch shares the characteristics of the existing structures that lie to the northeast and has a mono pitched roof to minimise any visual impact and to match the current kitchen roof. The proposed GIA is 3.9 m<sup>2</sup>.



*View from Thornfield Green © Google*



*View of Existing Entrance Area © Google*





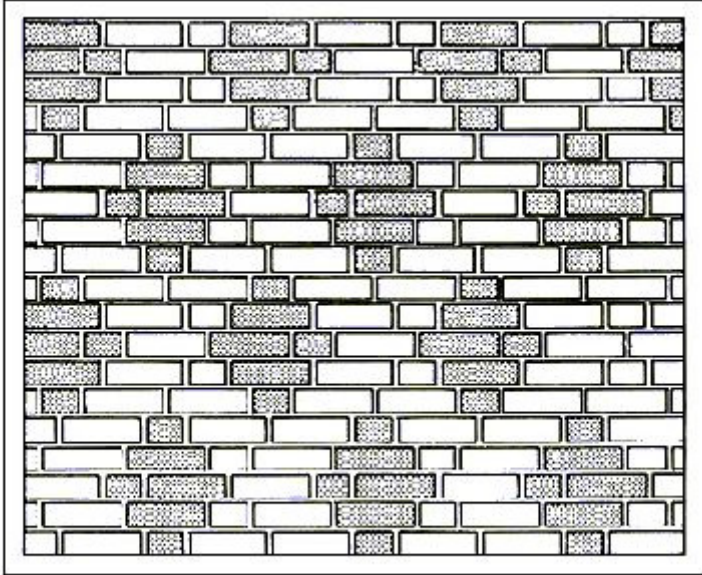
*Existing Front Doors*

Appraisal of the changes covered under this application can be seen below.

Feature	Description	Significance	Proposed Works	Possible Impact	Justification or Mitigation
External wall (Brick)	Brick wall to matching the main building.	Medium	New low level brick wall to match existing either using reclaimed bricks or if found to be substandard to carefully match with new. Lime mortar to be use.	Minimal visual impact	Use of reclaimed bricks form the existing structure will minimise impact
External Wall (Timber)	Structure above plinth wall will be timber framed to match existing cladding	Low	New structure will minimise impact on the main building.	Minimal visual impact	Porch can be removed in the future and will cause minimal damage to the existing structure
Entrance Doors	Glazed doors to match existing	Low	Doors match those in the converted dwelling	None	Minimised impact on the main building
Roof covering and rainwater goods.	Mono pitched to match the existing structures to the north	Medium	New / second hand slates and rainwater goods to match existing.	Minimal visual impact	Pitch roof minimises visual impact and the slates can be either second hand or new to match existing roof covering



The existing brick work takes the form of a double header as shown below. A similar bond for the plinth brickwork is proposed with a weathered joint using lime mortar.



**Double Stretcher Garden Wall Bond with Units in Diagonal Lines**

The porch has been designed to retain all existing features and fits between the current pier and return wall. The structure will effectively be 'freestanding' to ensure the main building is retained for the future. A previous structure is indicated, see marks on brickwork above the existing entrance door wall and it is assumed that a 'roof' was present but we are not aware of any photographic evidence indicating its form or extent. The new porch will smarten up the approach to the entrance and together with the proposed revised boundary treatment will enable the dwelling to have a proper connection to the road.

**4.0 Conclusion**

The application has been considered in terms of NPPF, Policy CON13 and Policy CON17, and demonstrates as far as is practical the means by which the new porch will form a protected entrance enhancing heat retention and is sympathetic to its surroundings, setting, context and heritage.