

Heritage Statement Pergola – Rear Garden 4 Randalls Row, High Banks ME15 OEG

Site name	4 Randalls Row	Address of site	4 Randalls Row High Banks Loose ME15 OEG
Listed	GI /GII*/ GII/ No	Conservation Area	No/ Yes
Locally Listed	Grade II Listed terraced Cottage	Other	Setting of a Listed Building/
			Rear garden
Significance	<p><i>Brief description: Date(s); construction type; use/function; is the floor plan original or been altered?</i></p> <p>(Retrospective) Date erected: 20th August 2023. Erection of a small scale, wooden pergola of simple and open design with no side panels or trellis. (a non-permanent structure)</p> <p>Forest Ultima 2.4m pergola, smooth, pressure treated, natural timber manufactured from FSC® certified timber. 15 year guarantee against rot and fungal decay</p> <p>Erected in the centre of the upper lawn by means of ground spikes and at ground level – no paving, decking or hard landscaping.</p> <p>For sole use of house holder to enjoy garden and use as a seating and dining area in late spring and summer and as a feature archway through the garden during the colder, wetter months.</p> <p>No damage, demolition, trespass to neighbouring properties or boundaries and no change or damage to existing garden design, structures (e.g. fencing), trees or planting.</p>		
Proposed works	<p><i>List the works to be undertaken</i></p> <p>Simple erection of Ultima wooden pergola kit and 4 ground spikes to the centre lawn area. No change to existing lawn area measurements or garden design.</p>		
Reason For Works			

To create a seating and dining space for use during late spring and the summer months.

This is the only usable section of my narrow garden to receive direct sunlight from morning to mid-afternoon due to significant shading/ loss of direct sunlight to my ground level patio (directly outside the rear of my un-extended cottage, caused by the 2 storey extension and some high planting to number 3 Randalls Row and also the loss of direct sunlight and shading caused by the neighbours' huge twisted willow (above 4 metres tall) situated in their lower garden and planted too close to the boundary (at number 3 Randalls Row). At the bottom section of my garden (beyond the shared vehicle access), the large music studio and workshop (at No.3) situated directly to the righthand side also obstructs light to my summerhouse for much of the morning. In the summer/warmer months the 2 skylights, side windows (facing my property and boundary) and front door of this music studio and work shop are often open exposing me to noise from a lathe/power tools, hammering and music/radio being played often very loudly – making relaxation and the enjoyment of my summerhouse very difficult.

Due to the location of my cottage and the 'apparent movement ' of the sun, anything high situated, built or planted directly to the right hand side along the boundary of the narrow listed terrace (looking down the garden from the rear back door), causes significant loss or obstruction of direct sunlight.

The pergola is intended to add interest to my garden design and break up it's long, narrow appearance.

The pergola is intended to add a degree of privacy due to the only usable area of my garden to receive direct sunlight being situated in the middle of my garden and in full view of neighbouring properties. Being an open construction and central to the lawn it does not block out sunlight to my garden or neighbouring properties.

Impact Assessment

Will these works effect the importance or significance of the building? Will the works effect the fabric?

No damage to the appearance or fabric of my Listed Cottage. Pergola erected at an appropriate distance away from the rear elevation.

The footprint of the pergola is of small scale taking up significantly less than 50% of the total plot/curtilage area (including cottage footprint).

The pergola is of small scale and open construction and made of natural wood so is in harmony with its surroundings.

The appearance and design of all the other Listed cottages in the terrace have

been significantly altered and changed by 2 story extensions to Forge Cottage, Number 5,3 and 2 and a one storey extension to number 1.

Either a statement or use the table below

Item	Proposed Work	Impact Assessment
Lawn	Ground spikes to support and anchor pergola	Minimal small displacement of grass and soil to make way for 4 ground spikes

Mitigation

Have any considerations been undertaken to mitigate the works?

No damage or building work to the Heritage asset/Listed terrace has taken place.

The pergola is a natural, wooden, non-permanent structure of small scale and open construction.

No access statement needed as no trespass of neighbouring boundaries or property or parking of delivery vehicle.

The pergola has been erected at an appropriate distance from the rear elevation.

No hard landscaping or paving has been used, to provide a more natural and less damaging appearance within the garden, Listed terrace and Conservation Area setting.

Pre-application advice from Maidstone Council?	Yes / No	Reference details	None
Pre-application heritage advice from Historic England?	Yes / No	Reference details	None

Additional Information

2 other wooden pergolas and a summer house are sited in the rear Listed terraced gardens with hard landscaping/paving (Curtilage of a Listed Building, in the Conservation Area)

One used as an occasional car port and bin storage area (No.5), with a rambling

rose and variegated ivy growing over the top.

One used as a seating and dining area of much larger scale and with side trellis panels, with hops and other plants growing over the top. (No.1)

A summer house painted Duck Egg Green/Blue with roses growing over the top and hard landscaping and patio area to the front (No.3).

(Photographs of these garden structures have been supplied with the retrospective planning application)