

**Written Scheme of Investigation for Historic Building Recording
of Rear Range of 2 Bridge Street, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8AG**

Planning Application Number: 0664/06/LBC

District: Babergh & Mid Suffolk

Parish: Needham Market

SCC parish code: NDM

Curating Museum: ADS

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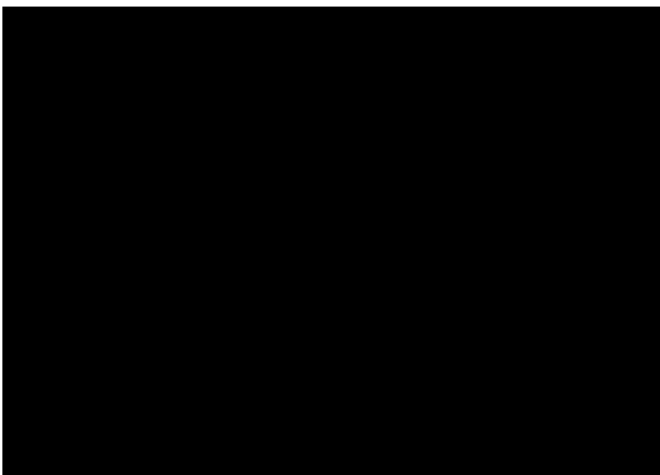
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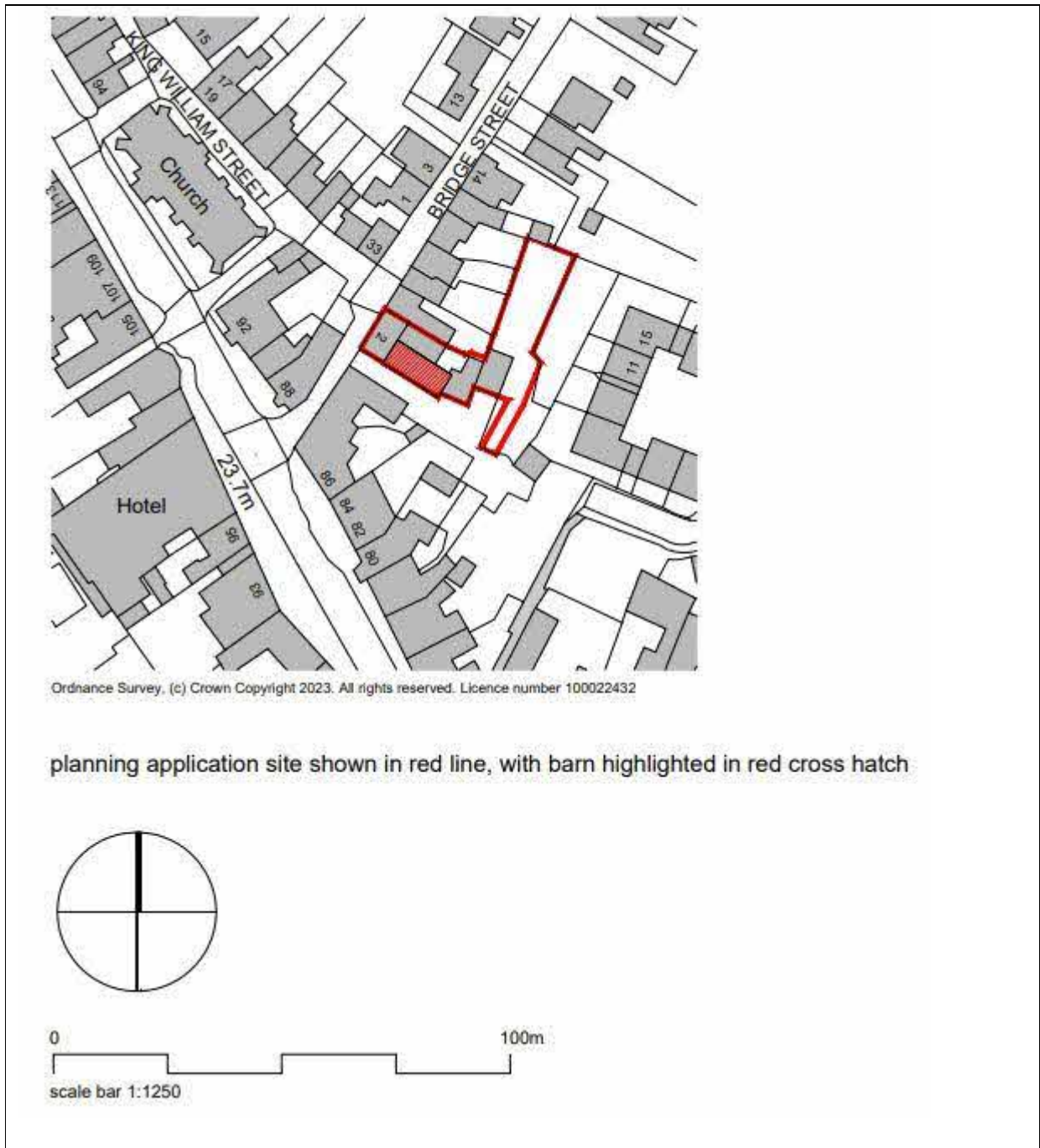
Commissioned by Client: Mr S Lawson-Smith

My details:

Jane Blanchflower



Site location and description



Grid Reference : TM 08814 55145

Proposed work

Conversion of rear range of 2 Bridge Street to form a single dwelling. Planning permission and Listed Building Consent granted 15th December 2021 (0664/06/LBC)

Historical background

2 Bridge Street is a Grade II listed, early 16th century, 2 storey timber-framed house and fish shop with an original 16th century 3 bay rear range used as stabling with a loft above since the 19th century. The rear range, which is timber framed and weather boarded with a pantiled roof, was formerly used by the Bull Inn, a Grade II* listed, early 16th century former town house situated on the High Street to the SW of the rear range. The rear range has an original upper floor with massive joists but the central 2-bay room has a 19th century upper floor and appears to have originally been open up to its plain crownpost roof.

The principal NW elevation of the building, above Bond's Fish Shop, is long walled jettied towards the street. The jetty continues along the street elevation of the two adjoining early 16th century houses, also Grade II, numbers 4 and 6 Bridge Street. Bridge Street, which leads NE from Needham Market High Street, once led to a bridge across the River Gipping. Bridge Street is named as Snanford Lane on Pennington's map of 1772 which shows the lane leading to Snanford Bridge. The street curves to the SE and runs parallel to the river before joining Crown Street.

Methodology

A Level 2 building survey of the interior and exterior will be carried out prior to conversion.

A block plan of the site will be produced to locate the building.

An historical document search (documentary, cartographic and pictorial) will be undertaken to situate the history of the building within its immediate local context.

The building will be described in detail. The description will address materials, dimensions, method of construction, joinery, fenestration, spatial configuration, phasing, and any evidence of original fixtures/fittings.

A photographic scale will be included in the case of detailed photographs. The photographic record will include location and direction of shot.

Based on existing architect's plans floor plans will be made of the building/s affected by the proposals. Doors, windows, internal divisions, truss positions, together with any surviving fixtures/fittings will be shown together with any evidence of phasing.

Reporting

The report will provide a descriptive record of the building at English Heritage Level 2 as described in *Understanding Historic Buildings : A Guide to Good Recording Practice* (English Heritage 2016). The report will include:-

- Location Plan and block plan from OS maps
- Site history compiled from available archival sources including the Suffolk Record Office
- Measured drawings and a photographic record of the interior and exterior of the building
- A brief description of the setting and context of the building within the landscape
- Information on how the building was used for agricultural activities
- A summary of the architectural, historical and social significance of the building

A copy of the report, marked DRAFT, will be presented to SCCAS for approval within six months of the completion of fieldwork.

Following approval of the report by SCCAS, a digital copy of the report as a pdf will be presented to the Suffolk HER.

A digital copy of the report will be uploaded to the OASIS website

Where positive results are drawn from a project, a summary report will be prepared for the *Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History*.

Archiving

An OASIS online form will be completed, and a copy will be included in the final report and also with the site archive.

An archive of all records will be prepared consistent with the principles contained in *Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice* (English Heritage 2016).

The digital archive will be deposited with both the County HER within six months of the completion of work and the Archaeology Data Service (www.archaeologydataservice.ac.uk)

Monitoring

SCCAS will be notified of the start of site works so that there will be opportunities to visit the site and check on the quality and progress of the work.

Any variations in this WSI will be agreed with SCCAS prior to them being carried out.

The involvement of SCCAS shall be acknowledged in any report or publication generated by this project.

Staff and timetabling

Project Manager : Jane Blanchflower, Historic Buildings consultant

Site recording : Jane Blanchflower, Historic Buildings consultant

Fieldwork for the building will take one day

Date not yet known

Health and Safety

The project manager will carry out a risk assessment and ensure that all potential risks are minimised, before commencing the fieldwork.

References

Historic England 2016 Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice

Documents relating to 2 Bridge Street held at the Suffolk Record Office including sales particulars and historic maps etc to be fully referenced

Suffolk Historic Environment Record

Secondary printed sources e.g. W Goult: *A Suffolk Parish History* 1990, E W Platten: *A History of Needham Market* (1925), G F Oxenham: *Needham Market: Anatomy of 20th century change to a Medieval village* (2022)

Joseph Pennington's 1772 Map of the Town of Needham Market

Needham Market Tithe Map & Apportionment, National Library of Scotland OS maps