

Heritage Statement in support of the Disabled Facility Extension required at number 20 Church Rise Road Finstock Oxon OX7 3DH

The period structures in Finstock generally conform to a humble, vernacular style, wholly consistent with the village's agricultural past. Small houses, cottages, and a range of farm buildings (including barns and stable blocks) predominate. The majority of these period structures belong to the 18th century, they are constructed from coursed limestone rubble, and are topped by stone slate (or occasionally thatched) roofs.

During the 1960s, significant building programmes added noticeably to the size of the village. Much of this development was unsympathetic both to the forms and materials of existing structures. More recent developments have sought to reflect local vernacular traditions more closely, generally resulting in housing that sits more comfortably in the context of the village's early buildings.

Despite the partial erosion of Finstock's polyfocal character by recent infill, the village still features important areas of open space.

- The above notes are taken from the Link below



The property above to the left of the photograph with the Red Front door is number 20 Church Rise Road Finstock.

This property falls within the Finstock Conservation area. Although according to the document does not have any significant Heritage features.

<https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/y02b1s5u/finstock-conservation-area-character-appraisal.pdf>

The removal of the existing side extension which is of a single brickwall thickness and has a concrete reinforced planked roof covered with asphalt to create a new accessible family home with level access on the ground floor for a disabled mother. Utilises a thermally poor & unused space with a coal bunker, outside WC and storage area to allow for an accessible home for future families as well as this specific client.

Cottsway Housing Association have already had a similar scheme approved around 10 -12 years ago at number 19 Church Rise Road.

With over 6 million people now registered Disabled the lack of accessible homes is becoming a real issue when assisting the persons to live independently.

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