

Design & Access Statement

Site Address

The Long House, Church Lane, Chearsley, Aylesbury, HP18 0DH
Previously known as Sunrise.

House Description

The Long House is a wychert house built in C18. We think it was originally two semi-detached cottages that were knocked together to form one house. To the rear is a 1960s single story extension and to the South is a two story modern extension.

List entry 1118345

The Proposed Works

Replace three timber windows on the front of the House with handmade timber double-glazed leaded windows that more closely match the original metal windows.

All three windows have been designed to more closely match the original metal windows so will no longer have fanlights in them so that the new windows have a more slimline appearance and just two leaded sections like the original windows. They have been designed to have a similar slim profile to the Bedroom 3 window that was redesigned as a result of a condition of the granted planning application. It was redesigned with a slimmer profile than the windows on the back of the house. The leading in the current windows has square panels so we will change this to more closely match the rectangular leading in the original windows. We strongly believe this will hugely improve the front elevation of the house. The three windows we propose to replace are off-the-shelf basic timber windows that don't match anything else in the house. The replacement windows will also improve energy efficiency and reduce condensation.

Lounge Window:

Replace rotten timber window and secondary glazing with handmade timber double-glazed leaded windows with black metal traditional monkey tail handles and stays to be similar to the rest of the non-original windows in other areas of the house including kitchen, dining room etc and with the same slim design profile as Bedroom 3. The wood surrounding the existing window is rotten and the fanlight can no longer be opened.

Master Bedroom Window 2:

Replace rotten timber window and secondary glazing with handmade timber double-glazed leaded windows with black metal traditional monkey tail handles and stays to be similar to all of the non-original windows in other areas of the house including kitchen, dining room etc and with the same slim design profile as Bedroom 3. The wood surrounding the existing window is rotten and the main window can no longer be opened - only the fanlight.

Landing Window:

Replace rotten timber window and secondary glazing with handmade timber double-glazed leaded windows with black metal traditional monkey tail handles and stays to be similar to all of the non-original windows in other areas of the house including kitchen, dining room etc and with the same slim design profile as Bedroom 3. The wood surrounding the existing window is rotten and the main window can no longer be opened - only the fanlight.

Impact on the Asset

Replacing the windows proposed above will mean that all of the windows on the front elevation of the house would be a closer style/match to the original metal leaded windows that are being left untouched. The 3 windows that we would like to change are not original windows and were just off-the-shelf timber windows that don't match any other window in the house. The leading is not even the same shape as the original windows as they have square panels instead of rectangular. We propose to eliminate the fan lights that are in the existing windows to achieve a cleaner more slimline look in keeping with the original metal windows that will remain. Each of the three windows will have two sections one of which will be fixed and the other will open. The leading will more closely match the original windows in shape and size. We strongly believe that changing these windows will hugely enhance the appearance of The Long House.

Preserving or Enhancing The Asset

It will make the heritage asset look better by having a more consistent style of windows on the front elevation and be more in keeping with the style of the original leaded windows. The windows in question are visible from the public highways and changing them to more closely match the original metal leaded windows will improve the look of the house to passing members of the public.

Other Information

We did not include these three windows in the original window application as we took time to consider what would be the best replacement option for these windows because they are on the front of the house. We are confident that these are not original windows as we have a photograph of the original house and the windows in question were not there at the time of the photo. We have been advised that the windows we propose to replace are standard off-the-shelf timber windows that don't match any other window in the house. Replacing these three would mean that we have replaced all of the non-original windows so that they are all in a consistent style and in a good state of repair. All of the replaced windows have been handmade by a local carpenter.