

Heritage and Design & Access Statement

Proposed replacement of windows at Dowdy's Farmhouse, The Street, Halvergate

Introduction

Dowdy's Farmhouse comprises of a large detached dwelling set well back from the road in a substantial mainly grassed garden with a number of substantial specimen trees. The present owners has embark on a process of gradually repairing and decorating the interior of the building and has found much decay in a number of the windows. They have, therefore, decided on a program of replacing the all existing casement windows in hardwood with slimline conservation double glazed units all to a uniform design.

Description

This is C18 farmhouse with remains of C17 timber framed core. Built of red brick and colour washed brick under a thatched roof. Lobby entrance three cell plan with a later 'L' shaped extension to the West of two storeys with a single storey lean-to extension to the East. Entrance façade to North of 4 windows with an off centre C19 six panel door and open pedimented timber doorcase with moulded timber architraves.

Parapet gables with plat-band at first floor ceiling level. Off centre axial stack. West extension mid-C18. Brick parapet gable to West with end stack and brick tumbling in. Interior mainly C20 and roof re-built in 1984.

Three bay main block with a pair of Venetian windows to ground floor, part glazed panelled front door with a pedimented door-case on pilasters. Late C19 sash windows to first floor with single vertical glazing bars beneath skewback arches. Shaped modillion cornices, hipped roofs and pair of stacks to back wall. Stacks to back wall of side pavilion.

Proposal

It is proposed to carefully take out the existing casement windows and install new hardwood window frame with slimline conservation double glazed units. The timber work will be painted with a breathable paint to match the existing windows.

The new windows will closely match the existing design but will now be of a uniform design and will greatly enhance the aesthetics' of the farmhouse. The proposed slimline conservation double glazed units will greatly improve the thermal efficiency of all the rooms and the house in general and the improved locking mechanism will also improve security.