Heritage Statement for 6 Parkwood Road Longwood, Grade II Listed Ref: 1221928

Statement of significance of the heritage asset

The property is included in a 2 storey terraced block of traditional weavers cottages built early to mid C19. Built with hammer dressed rubble filled stone walls with coped gables at the ends of the terrace. Originally having a pitched stone slate roof but replaced with concrete tiles during a renovation works to the whole terrace in the early 1980's and prior to asset being listed in 1985. The terrace includes 6 identical dwellings, stepped into 2 groups of three. To the South East (front) elevation each dwelling has an entrance door with stone surround and tie-stones and one 3-light stone mullioned window to the ground floor. To the first floor there are two 3-light stone mullioned windows. There is a continuous sill band to each group of 3 dwellings. A modern single storey extension has been added to the North West (rear) of each dwelling with further extensions to end of the block. The rear elevation includes a 3-light stone mullioned window at first floor level and a single light window at ground floor level inserted during the renovation and extension works carried out in the early 1980s. To South East each dwelling has stone gate posts with rounded tops and coursed dry rubble garden wall with rounded copings.

Details of the proposal

The proposals are internal restoration and renewing the existing window frames to try and improve the overall thermal efficiency of the property. The proposals are listed below:

1. Replace existing fitted kitchen to ground floor extension
2. Replace existing bathroom suite to existing first floor bathroom
3. Replace existing external timber window frames to match existing in terms of, colour and section but incorporate narrow double glazed units with PVC frames all the time preserving the mullions.

Analysis of the impact of the proposal on the significance

The property was extended at the rear significantly renovated in the early 1980s. This work included a concrete tiled roof, rendering chimney stack, uPVC guttering, internal alterations to the 1st floor, bathroom installation, replacement windows and doors and a single storey rear extension to form a kitchen. These works were carried out to the whole terrace because they were owned by one developer and therefore had a lasting and irreversible impact on the terrace. However the traditional appearance of the stone hammer dressed front elevation remains largely intact with its mullion windows and a small stone flagged garden enclosed with round topped stone walls.

The proposals will have no direct impact on the surviving external features of the property. New PVC windows will match existing and if possible the bulk of the new window sections will be reduced and made uniform to enhance the appearance of the front elevation. The difference will be the installation of narrow gauge double glazed units incorporating minimal spacer bars of a dark colour to minimise the reflective appearance of the glazing. This work is necessary to enhance the long term sustainability of a dwelling house and to go some way to meet the ever increasing drive on lowering carbon emissions. This will also help reduce condensation within the property which over time has a direct impact on the decay of timber and subsequent appearance of the property.

All replacement will be more traditional as noted above and will therefore enhance the property. Overall the proposals will have no adverse impact on this heritage asset but they will go some way to ensure it has a sustainable future.

Please see attached pictures of exiting windows and proposed windows which will be chosen in cream to match exiting. The lead lining is not the tradition of the cottages therefore will not be replaced.



