

Design, Access and Heritage Statement for application PP-03497288

7-15 Park Street, Old Hatfield, Herts AL9 5AT

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1 Design

No changes are proposed to the overall design. The proposal is to separate a 1960 terrace from a listed building to create a second dwelling. The only substantive change is to block a doorway and reinstate the stairs in the 1960 house.

2 Access

No changes are proposed. The terrace of houses has existing front and back doors, and an alley to rear access for the 1960 terrace.

3 Site & Heritage Context

Nos 7, 9 & 11 Park Street, Old Hatfield, formerly called "The Old Coach House" are listed Grade 2.

According to Herts CC (Andy Instone, County Planning Archeologist, ref AI/09/0444-1 and S6/09/0444/LB dated 22 April 2009 and available online on the WHBC planning database)

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The site lies within Area of Archaeological Significance (AAS) no.17 as identified in the Local Plan. This notes that Hatfield is a medieval village recorded in a 10th century charter of Ely Abbey. It is mentioned in Domesday Book as Hetfelle and from 1504 became the residence of the Bishops of Ely. The parish church dates from the 13th century. The AAS also notes that excavation in Hatfield has produced evidence of medieval residential and industrial occupation.

The Historic Environment Record (HER) also notes the medieval town (HER6822) and that evidence of medieval and later occupation has been found at 1-5, Park Street (HER6825), 37-9, Park Street (HER6561) and at Priory House (HER1852). A medieval pottery kiln has been found in closeby (HER1851). Evidence of Roman occupation has been found nearby at the Great North Road (HER1848)

No.s 7, 9 and 11 Park Street are Listed as being of architectural and historic importance. They date from the 15th century and were a timber framed hall house with south cross wing. The north cross wing was added in the 17th century.

No 13 Park Street does not exist; no 15 Park Street is part of a later 1960s Terrace, which is not listed.

4 Amount/Layout/Setting/Scale/Landscaping/Appearance

No changes are proposed.