

Heritage Statement - 24 Church St, Old Hatfield, AL9 5AW

The property has historical significance. We understand that the property was historically an Inn, with an adjoining cottage, but has existed as a single house for decades. The adjoining cottage is estimated by surveyors to have been built in the 1700s and the Inn ceased business in around 1909, according to information in a book about the pub trade of Old Hatfield. The historic cottage and part of the house that we presume was used as an Inn, will not be affected by these works in any way at all.

The Kitchen is a timber framed extension to the rear of the part of the historical property that we understand was used as the Inn. The Kitchen extension has timber cladding on the outside. The Kitchen walls are lined internally with plasterboard.

We refer you to the attached pictures showing the door and windows that will be replaced and the context of their location. We are not aware of any historical photos showing the rear of Travellers Rest as we believe that the Kitchen was a 20th Century addition that post-dates the cottage and Inn.

There is no impact of the proposed works on the historical or architectural significance of Travellers Rest, nor the character of the building, nor to the setting of the building, which will remain untouched. We are carrying out the replacement of the door and windows in a sympathetic manner. We are replacing two timber framed windows and a door, with timber framed folding doors that are in keeping with the remaining windows in the Kitchen and harmonise with the rest of the timber clad Kitchen walls. The view of the house from the road will remain unchanged as the Kitchen extension cannot be seen from the road.

The building works will be carried out by a contractor who is FMB registered. The company making and installing the doors works on heritage items and works to European CE regulations and is a member of the British woodwork federation.

The works are justified by securing improved heat conservation to the house. The current door does not fit the frame properly and the door cill has rotted, allowing heat to escape. The new doors will improve heat conservation, driving down U-Values to reduce heat loss and allow natural light and therefore sunlight to enter the kitchen, helping to reduce reliance on artificial heating and lighting.