HERITAGE STATEMENT

- Little St Marys, The Street, Bramber. BN44 3WE
- Application “Outbuilding” - to remove 2 x existing dilapidated timber sheds to the NE corner of the plot and replace with one building relocated to the SW corner of the plot.

CONTEXT

Little St Marys is a medieval building, thought to date from c.1640. It is adjacent to St Marys Lodge and opposite St Marys House, a former priory dating from c.1470, now an open house and gardens. As such the three properties form part of an iconic view along The Street to Bramber Castle and St Nicholas Church.

Little St Marys is a grade II listed building (entry 1353966, 09-May-1980). The listing is combined with St Marys Lodge and references the wooden mullion window, to the eastern end upper floor of Little St Marys. No internal features are referenced.

IMPACT

The current dilapidated buildings occupy the NE corner of the rear garden plot and are clearly visible from the highway along the driveway. The proposed building is located to the SW corner, away from these sight lines.

The proposed building is located 3m North of the main building and 2m East from the neighbouring St Marys Lodge. This generous spacing allows air to circulate around what is a shady corner of the plot. This area will be used as beds for a wildlife stumpery and shade loving plants.

The proposed building is placed between the first 2 windows of St Marys Lodge that face East onto the rear garden of Little St Marys. The lower edge of these windows is approx1400mm above ground level.

The rear of Little St Marys has a low entrance door beneath a catslide roof. The proposed building eaves are low at 1700m with consideration to this and has a steep apex roof that sits parallel to the main building ridge,

The materials selected, as far as reasonable, allow the building to be recycled at end of life; locally sourced wavy edge larch cladding, corrugated steel roofing. Ideally the foundations will be ground screws, but should these prove impractical a pad foundation will be used to avoid complete concrete raft foundation. The windows and workshop door will be fully glazed, with anthracite powder coated aluminium frames. The bike shed door would be tongue and groove timber.

SIGNIFICANCE

By removing the existing dilapidated sheds, the NE corner of the plot will be significantly “tidied”. The proposed building is located to minimise the impact to St Marys Lodge. The design and materials have been selected to blend with the adjacent buildings, and their environmental impact considered.