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Dear Planning Department,

With reference to planning application DC/24/0708 Reconstruction of the southern boundary between Shepherds Thatch and The Granary (Listed Building Consent)

We formally object to the application based upon the following criteria:-

1. Design
Having reviewed the hand drawn wall design, we are concerned it will not blend with the character of the adjacent stone walls at The Granary and other walls in the surrounding properties. This wall will present an urban appearance which is out of character with the rural location. The height of the wall is significant, far higher than the existing older wall on the north side of The Granary which it will be butted up to (approx height 1.3m). The proposed wall will appear overbearing being in excess of 2 metres throughout its length. The existing north and south walls on The Granary drive are between 1.3m and 1.4m in height and predominantly made of locally sourced stone with brick edges in a traditional Sussex building style (see photo The_Granary_Walls_Drive_1.png and The_Granary_South_Wall_Drive_1.png). In our opinion the height of the proposed wall should not exceed the height of the existing older walls (approx. 1.3m) at any point and it should follow the natural gradient of the drive within The Granary. To create privacy and additional height above the wall, hedging could be incorporated behind and above the wall within the curtilage of Shepherds Thatch to form a natural foliage boundary.

The wall design incorporating wooden panel fencing is out of character with other existing walls and forces the use of wide support columns (approx. 1 metre wide) to ensure the panel fencing does not blow over with high winds. Additionally there are no other walls with columns and wooden fence panels in the surrounding properties further making the appearance out of character. Given the wall will be visible from Nutbourne Lane, as can be seen in Google Maps Street View (see image Google_Street_View_2011.png) the design should blend in with surrounding walls both in terms of height and appearance.

Prior to 2012 the boundary was formed of a natural land slope from the drive of The Granary into Shepherds Thatch. This was filled with natural vegetation (as seen in the Google Street View (see image Google_Street_View_2011.png)). Our preference is to restore the boundary to a natural rural vegetative appearance as it was prior to 2012 which will ensure the boundary is fully maintainable by both properties, without risk of landslide and on-going wall maintenance.

2. Other - Oil tank location
There is an oil tank within 1 metre to the west of the existing Granary boundary north wall, which will be directly behind the first wooden panel of the proposed wall (Shepherds_Thatch_Wall_Design_May_2024.png). With the proposed new wall the oil tank will become enclosed on all sides by the existing 1.1 metre retaining walls behind two sides of the oil tank (west and north), a garden shed (to the west), the kitchen extension (on the east) and the proposed new wall (to the south). This will make it very difficult for the residents of Shepherds Thatch to maintain or replace the oil tank, if for example the tank requires replacement due to age or bunding failure there will be no method by which to extract the tank and replace it in situ within the curtilage of Shepherds Thatch.

Best regards,

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South Wall
Drive
Proposed
boundary
wall area
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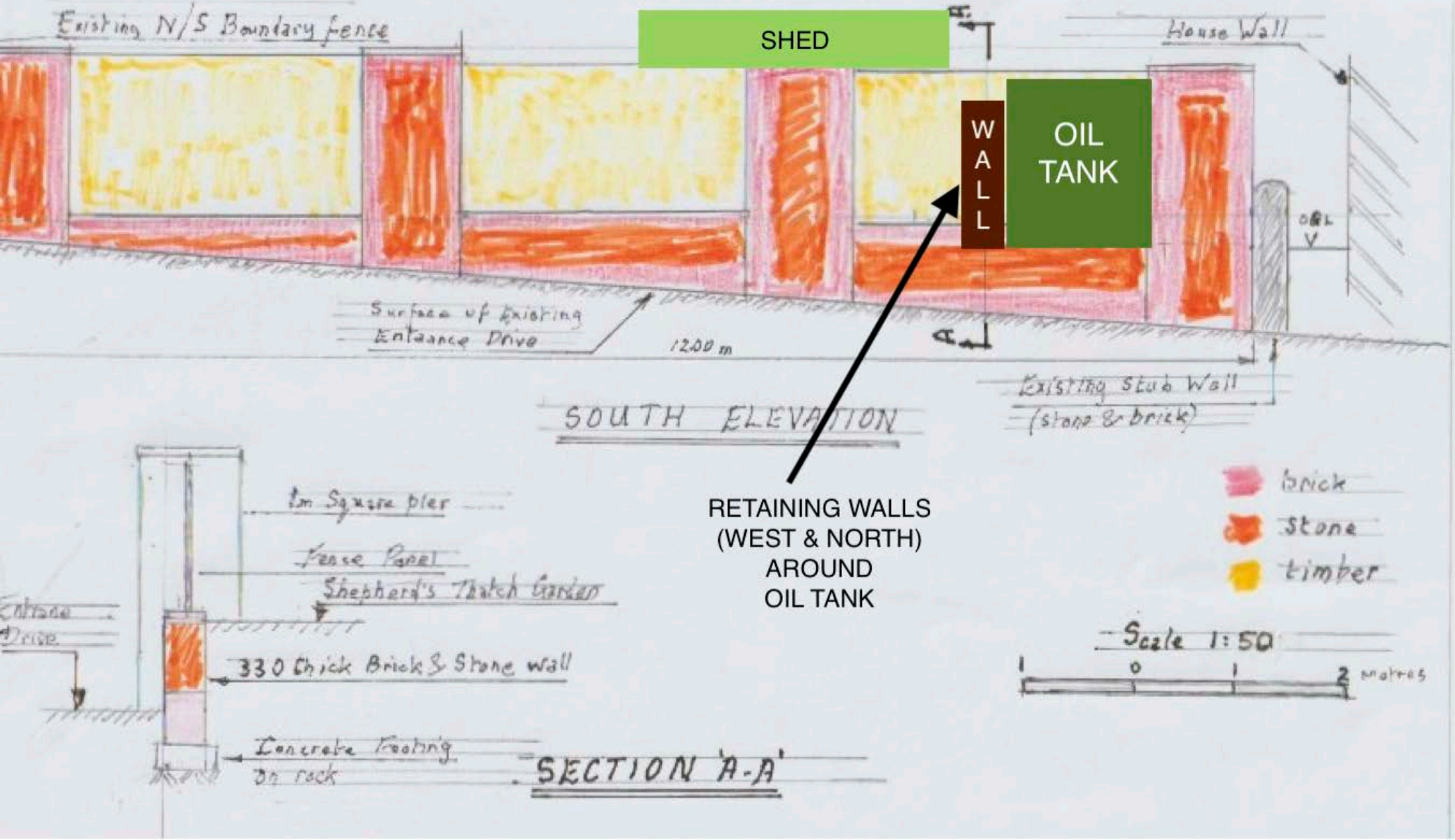
# PROPOSED REPLACEMENT BOUNDARY WALL & FENCE




1.3 metres
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Proposed boundary
wall location
The Granary
South Wall
The Granary
North Wall