

Heritage, Design and Access Statement

1-9 Crossley Hughes House
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This design and access statement has been prepared in order to support the Planning Application for the window and door replacement at 1-9 Crossley Hughes House, Deene Road, Horsham, RH12 1JG.

2.0 Description

- 2.1 1-9 Crossley Hughes House is purpose-build block of flats in the Borough of Mid Sussex.
- 2.2 The property features fair-facing brickwork to all elevations, with clay tile pitched roof coverings.
- 2.3 The existing windows are timber framed double glazed sash and casement windows to the front and rear elevations.
- 2.3.1 The existing front and rear entrance doors are timber framed double glazed doors.



Photo 1 - Front Elevation



Photo 2 – Rear Elevation

3.0 The Site

- 3.1 1-9 Crossley Hughes House is in the Horsham area of Mid Sussex.
- 3.2 1-9 Crossley Hughes House is located in the Horsham Town Centre Conservation Area.
- 3.3 1-9 Crossley Hughes House is not a Listed Building.

4.0 Proposal

- 4.1 The Planning application to which this design and access statement relates is for the replacement of the existing double glazed timber framed casement windows with new double glazed timber framed casement windows, style and colour to match existing.
- 4.2 The Planning application is also for replacement of existing double glazed timber framed doors with new double glazed timber framed doors, style and colour to match existing.
- 4.3 The existing windows are in need of replacement due in part to lack of thermal performance, security, and condition.



Photo 3 & 4 – Existing Windows

- 4.4 The proposed new windows and doors will be double glazed and will significantly improve the thermal performance of the windows and provide a more comfortable living environment for the residents.

5.0 Heritage of Building

- 5.1 The existing Horsham Town Centre Conservation Area is set within the built up area boundary of Horsham town.
- 5.2 The current Conservation Area is centered around the historic core of Causeway, Carfax, Middle Street, Denne Road and East and West Street.
- 5.3 The long term evolution of the area and its medieval origins all contribute to the present character and appearance of the Conservation Area: rear burgage plots have been developed and evolved into new streets; new building styles and materials have been introduced; permanent structures have replaced temporary ones; and extensions to the town centre have taken place, and spaces have been enclosed and contained. However, the general density and form has largely remained intact.
- 5.4 The main elements that form the special character and appearance of the Conservation Area are the diversity of building styles, the relationship of the buildings to each other and open spaces. A variety of other elements all contribute to the special character and should be retained
- 5.5 Many windows are traditionally styled wooden sash or casement windows, often with glazing bars. The removal of the original window features and changes to materials or window proportions will be resisted.

6.0 Design

- 6.1 In light of the importance of the conservation area, the new windows have been designed in order to closely match the existing windows in terms of profile and sight lines whilst also incorporating double-glazed units.

7.0 Use

- 7.1 The properties are domestic dwellings. This proposal does not seek to change the buildings' use.

8.0 Layout

- 8.1 The layout of the properties will be unaffected by this proposal.

9.0 Amount

- 9.1 The proposal is to replace all of the existing timber framed windows to all elevations.

10.0 Scale

- 10.1 The proposed works will have no impact upon the scale of the existing building.

11.0 Landscaping

- 11.1 Landscaping will be unaffected by this proposal.

12.0 Appearance

- 12.1 The appearance and character of the block will be retained by the proposal.

13.0 Conclusions

- 13.1 It is our view that the proposals are sympathetic in nature and will retain the character of the building which is important to the conservation area as defined in the heritage statement whilst meeting the security and thermal performance requirements of the occupiers.