

## Heritage Statement for Planning Application

Site Address: 7 London Road, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 [Insert postcode]

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### 1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement accompanies a planning application for the replacement of existing windows at 7 London Road, Henfield. While the property is not listed, it is located adjacent to 6 London Road, a Grade II listed building (List Entry No. 1353985), and therefore lies within its setting. The proposed works aim to improve the visual appearance of the property and enhance its contribution to the historic character of London Road.

### 2. Description of the Heritage Asset

Name: 6 London Road, Henfield

Designation: Grade II Listed Building

List Entry Number: 1353985

Date Listed: 9 May 1980

Description: A two-storey early 19th-century painted brick building with overhanging eaves and a slate roof. It features original glazing bars and two small bay windows on the ground floor, one of which is a period shop window.

### 3. Site Context and Setting

7 London Road is a two-storey residential property located immediately adjacent to 6 London Road. The street forms part of Henfield's historic core, with a mix of listed and non-listed buildings contributing to a cohesive and characterful streetscape. The existing windows at No. 7 are metal-framed, faux-leaded units installed in 1985, which are not sympathetic to the traditional architectural character of the area.

### 4. Significance of the Heritage Asset

The significance of 6 London Road lies in its:

- Architectural Interest: Early 19th-century design with original features such as glazing bars and bay windows.
- Historic Interest: A representative example of Georgian domestic architecture in Henfield.
- Group Value: Contributes to the historic character and visual continuity of London Road.

### 5. Proposed Works

The proposal involves the removal of the existing 1985 metal-framed, faux-leaded windows at 7 London Road and their replacement with heritage-style uPVC windows manufactured by R.D. Goatley, a specialist in traditional window design. The new windows will replicate traditional timber sash proportions and glazing bar patterns, offering a visually appropriate and low-maintenance alternative to timber.

## **6. Assessment of Impact**

- Visual Impact: The replacement of unsympathetic 1980s metal windows with heritage-style uPVC windows will significantly enhance the appearance of the property and its contribution to the historic streetscape.
- Impact on Setting: The proposed works will improve the setting of the adjacent listed building by reinstating window styles that are more in keeping with the early 19th-century character of the area.
- Materials and Detailing: While uPVC is a modern material, the proposed windows are designed to closely replicate traditional timber sash windows in appearance, including appropriate glazing bar profiles and proportions.

## **7. Justification for the Works**

The existing metal windows are not original and detract from the character of the building and its historic context. The proposed replacement with high-quality uPVC heritage-style windows offers a practical and visually sympathetic solution that enhances the building's appearance while reducing long-term maintenance requirements.

## **8. Conclusion**

The proposed window replacements at 7 London Road represent a heritage benefit by removing inappropriate modern alterations and reinstating traditional-style features. The works are consistent with the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and local heritage policies, and will preserve and enhance the setting of the adjacent listed building.