Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement

Re: Removal of existing plasterboard to expose original fireplace, clean original bricks, and install Victorian black iron fire surround and ceramic tiles on the hearth at 102 High Street, Billingshurst RH14 9QS

Context

102 High Street is a Grade II-listed end of terrace located within the Billingshurst Conservation Area.

Features on Existing Site

At present the original fireplace has been covered by plasterboard. Exploratory work has already been undertaken to establish that the original bricks are in good condition and no further repair work will be needed to them.

Access

There will be no permanent impact on the access to or around the site as a result of these works.

Layout

The proposed work will not affect the amenities of neighbouring properties.

Appearance and Scale

The scale of the proposed work will be in keeping with the size and dimensions of the existing fireplace. The fire surround to be added will be an original black iron Victorian surround taken from a house of a similar age. The hearth will be covered with white ceramic tiles.

Landscaping

There are no landscaping proposals in this work

Heritage Statement

102 High Street is a grade II listed building. The construction of the proposed work will not result in the loss of any historic fabric or affect the property's setting within the Billingshurst Conservation Area. Restoring the house's original fireplace will enhance the character of the property. The removal of the existing plasterboard and subsequent displaying of the original brickwork will also enhance the character of the property.