

Design and Access Statement: 24 Higher Road, Longridge.

Process Having moved into the house, the wood work on the front of the property has been identified to be tired and in need of repair. Having looked into the heritage statements relating to 6-44 Higher Road¹, the current property is not in keeping with a number of the items mentioned in the listing:

Windows have plain reveals and projecting stone sills, with modern windows. The windows are old and tired, and the current paint work is worn to the state that it is not one 'plain' colour.

The doorways have plain stone surrounds. They currently do not.

The work requested for the property is intended not only to repair the worn woodwork, but return the front of the house back to how it appears in the property listing.

Pre Application advice has been sought, and although like for like repairs could take place now, it is more important that these repairs both improve the condition of the property and make it more in keeping with its historic origins.

Use. There is no change to the current use of the property.

Amount of Development. Limited. Requirement is to install a new door, sand and repaint 3 x window frames and the removal of dark brown paint / cleaning of stonework. Once building work is complete, there will have been no development to the area on top of what is currently present.

Layout. No change to the current property layout.

Scale. Replacement door will be of the same shape and size of the current one, in keeping with the traditional building style.

Landscaping. No landscaping work is taking place on the property.

Appearance. Appearance is the key change to the property. There will be some minor changes to the appearance however:

1. Majority of houses on the street have had similar work take place on them. This work will be in keeping with the other properties on the street.
2. Cleaning of the stone work will put the house back to being more in keeping with the heritage statement – currently the stone work is painted with a thick matt brown paint, but the heritage statement is that the properties have 'plain stone surrounds'.
3. Cleaning and repainting of the windows will return the windows to being more in keeping with the heritage statement – the sanding and repainting will make them 'modern' as per the statement.

¹ <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1308531>

4. Current door is damaged and rotting. Permission to like for like replace is not required, but to amend the door will make it more in keeping with the remainder of the front of this property, and the rest on the street.

Access. There will be no change to the access of the property.