

MEMORANDUM

From:	Built Heritage Officer		
Service	Green Infrastructure	App No:	260464
Address:	2 Deanery Cottages, High Street, Sonning, RG4 6UP.		
Proposal:	Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed replacement of a pair of front entrance gates.		
Heritage Asset:	• Cleavers,1 & 2 Deanery Cottages – grade II status listed building since 1983, • Sonning Conservation Area – created by LPA in 1971 and includes numerous listed buildings including the Deanery boundary wall, Malthouse and Brook House being closet adjacent to Deanery Cottage. • Deanery Garden – Grade II* - historic parks and gardens • Archaeological Notification Area: No.75. Listed Buildings are classed as designated heritage assets under the NPPF and in the Council’s Local Plan policies.		
Site Visit Made:	Yes.		

Summary Of Recommendations

From a heritage perspective there is **no objection**, subject to the advised condition.

Note: Planning permission will also be required, there being no application presently for that.

Comments On Proposal

The proposal is to have installed a pair of decorative oak gates and gate posts to the side entrance of the property. Whilst there are no gates presently to the side of the property, however as seen Google Streetview in 2020 there had been a pair of simple modern timber closed boarded gates, attached between a length of closed boarded fencing that spring off corner of the adjoining property, and 2 Deanery Cottages, the gate post attached to the building remaining still in situ at the time of visiting the site

Whilst the application here is for listed building consent presumably as the new gate post is to be affixed to the brickwork of the listed building as appears to be the current case. If that is to be the case, this is expected to be done in a manner so as to avoid unsightly damage to the brickwork.

The decorative oak gates and posts are considered to be visually a positive enhancement to the listed building and also to the character and appearance of the part of the Sonning Conservation Area in which 2 Deanery Cottages is located. As

from a heritage perspective the proposal is supported. However, at this point there is the need to along with the need for consent (as result of being affixed to the listed building) that the listed status of the property does mean the gates will also require planning permission*. There appears to no such application for planning permission.

***GPDO (2015 as amended), Section 2 Part 2 (Minor Operations) Class A (Gates, Fences, Wall etc.) 1d.**

Condition

Notwithstanding the details submitted, there hereby approved gates and associated gate posts are to be in oak, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority prior to the installation of the gates.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural or historic interest of the building. Relevant policy: National Planning Policy Framework Section 16 (Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment) and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB24.

Date:	24/03/26	Signed:	Keith Frost Built Heritage Officer
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Google Streetview 2020



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