

14-169_23 Tower Street



Heritage Statement

Replace existing boundary wall
23 Tower Street
Emsworth
Hampshire
PO10 7BH

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Introduction

Helyer Davies Architects Ltd have been appointed by a private client to redevelop and refurbish the existing residence of number 23 Tower Street. The application is a listed building householder planning application.

The clients wish replace the existing dilapidated wall to the east boundary. This is required as the earth mound behind is pushing the wall out making it structurally unsafe. The application also seeks to remove the earth mound.

The building is listed and within the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Area and bound to certain regulations of uniformity.

A measured survey has been undertaken by Helyer Davies Architects to accurately establish existing floor levels, proximity to adjoining buildings and their ridge and eaves heights. The O.S extracts are to show site location plan and block plan only.

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Site Context

Location: The site is in the historic village of Emsworth west of the Mill Pond and directly north of the harbour. The location began as a small Saxon settlement that evolved into a village famous for its boat building and oyster industry. The village is now popular with artists and sailing with access around the Chichester Harbour. Emsworth has many listed buildings, is within the Chichester Harbour Conservation area and has several protected ecological habitats.

“The AONB's massive stretch of tidal flats and saltings are of outstanding ecological significance. The rich, complex estuarine habitats of the harbour are a Ramsar designated wetland. Very large populations of wildfowl and waders use the mudflats feeding on the rich plant life and the huge populations of intertidal invertebrates. More than 9,000 Brent geese overwinter on the intertidal mud-land and adjacent farmland.” Quote from <http://www.aonb.org.uk/>

A key concern to the design is that it is a natural area of beauty and strong wildlife has been established in the location for many years. Our scheme will not endanger the balance of this natural ecology.



The Building: Modest late 19th/early 20th century two storey cottage.

External proposals:

East flint boundary wall; the structural survey advises that this wall could fall on the road and should be re-built. This wall can be dismantled and then use the same materials as existing for its re-build.

Enclosed in the planning documents is a report from the structural engineer Nigel de Silva.

A suitable craftsman must be used [Berry Middleton Ltd]. We are proposing that we create a sample panel for the local authority and client to view. Once this is approved we will commence the rest of the wall.