

Design and Access statement for the demolition of the 'lean to shed' adjacent to the main barn at The Barns, Church Lane, Hayling Island.

The property known as the Barns consists of the main barn built in part about 1625, with an extension in 1818 and the stone and brick stable now a dwelling built in 1815 and converted in 1991-2. At the both the east and western ends of the main barn are extensions, which have been added in more recent times. The lean-to extension at the western end is subject of this Listed Building Application to demolish it.

This lean-to 'shed' was constructed sometime after 1938 (the ordnance survey map of this date does not include it) and has probably not had any work other than patching up carried out to it since then, because of access. The timber supports to the tin roof are failing, and hinder the maintenance of the main barn on the western elevation. The northern elevation has been built over the original enclosing wall, with a post on the outside of this see photograph no 3. Until recently this was covered in ivy, and an elderberry bush and was difficult to see what the structure was.

Two things have made maintenance difficult, namely the construction of the western wall to the enclosed garden, which was put up when Church Farm was subdivided in 1980 by previous owners. This is so close to the western timber wall of the lean to shed that it has never been possible to get to it. Secondly the lean-to roof has been supported on a plate attached to the barn, but making the maintenance of this western wall difficult, especially now the roof has lost its integrity.

In clearing ivy and the elderberry bush recently it was revealed that the northern wall has a curved piece of brickwork with a brick on edge capping sweeping down to what is now the boundary wall with Church Farm. We felt it would be better to remove the lean to shed as it has become structurally unsound, and make good the capping where this has been disturbed, completing the north wall as it was originally. This would allow better maintenance of the main barn, which could be made safely by paving part of this area to allow a level access, but also provide a paved area adjacent.

