Heritage Statement

To accompany planning application

for two new dwellings

following demolition of existing

at

86 and 86A West Street,

Havant,

Hampshire.

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Parts of 86 West Street are thought to date back to the 17th century.

It was originally two separate small terraced houses each one room wide.

The rear wall is likely to be a Victorian addition. That is probably when one of the front entrances was bricked in and a single house created.

The house was for a long time occupied by Frank Dedman and his wife, both of whom died in the past five years. It had been in the possession of Betty Dedman's family throughout her life and so perhaps in her family for over a century.

Remnants of the original two terraces can be seen in for example the framework of the second abandoned staircase. There were ad hoc improvements to the house over the years. However the structural weaknesses of the property were not addressed and the front wall is now seriously bowed and the roof very weak.

82, 84 and 86 West Street each owned a substantial garden the width of all three houses combined stretching North one after the other.

Most of these gardens were compulsorily purchased by Havant Borough Council in the 1960s for the construction of an overflow car park, which was in turn sold for redevelopment as the current retail site.

86 West Street was bought by the Willetts family in early 2008.

Various enquiries to acquire old photographs of 86 West Street have all been unsuccessful. Old photographs of very similar properties at the eastern end of West Street are available. These properties have all been demolished and replaced with shops, etc.

The main aim of this planning application is to replace the existing property with a similar structure totally in keeping with the existing and surrounding dwellings.

Front wall of new properties to be rebuilt using existing reclaimed and cleaned bricks, in the same bond and with lime mortar as the existing front wall. (See attached photograph).

