

Heritage Statement

9 Langstone High Street, Langstone, Havant, PO9 1RY

1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of a proposed application for external repairs and repainting works at 9 Langstone High Street, Langstone, Havant (PO9 1RY). The property is situated within the Langstone Mill Lane Conservation Area and, as such, any works affecting its external appearance are subject to consideration of their impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The statement sets out the heritage significance of the property, the rationale for the proposed works, and an assessment of their likely impact.

2. Site Description and Heritage Context

9 Langstone High Street is a mid-terraced, multi-floor property of approximately 161 m², located within the historic village of Langstone. The village has origins predating the Victorian era, having developed as a coastal community sustained by fishing and agriculture. The High Street retains much of its historic character, with a number of properties reflecting 18th-century and Georgian architectural traditions.

The property sits within the Langstone Mill Lane Conservation Area, designated to protect the special architectural and historic interest of the locality. The wider streetscape is characterised by modest, traditionally built terraced dwellings of a period consistent with Langstone's early commercial and maritime prosperity.

3. Description of the Property

The property is a traditional period terraced dwelling, constructed during Langstone's original era of prosperity. It exhibits architectural features typical of the pre-Victorian vernacular, including materials and proportions consistent with its 18th-century context.

The property was acquired by its current owner-occupiers in 2022. Upon purchase, the exterior was found to have been painted in a yellow and dark blue colour scheme using what is believed to be a standard modern paint product (understood to be a Dulux-type finish). The use of modern, impermeable paint on historic masonry is a recognised concern, as such products can trap moisture within the substrate, leading to accelerated deterioration of historic brickwork and mortar.

4. Reason for the Proposed Works

The property sustained flood damage in 2024, necessitating repair to its exterior paintwork. This provides an appropriate opportunity to address both the physical condition of the façade and the suitability of the current paint system.

The proposed works comprise:

- Removal of existing exterior paintwork
- Repair of any flood-damaged fabric as required
- Repainting of the exterior using a breathable, heritage-appropriate paint from the Little Greene National Trust Range

5. Proposed Colour Scheme

The current exterior colour scheme of yellow and dark blue is not considered sympathetic to the historic character of the property or its setting within the conservation area. The proposed colour scheme has been selected from the Little Greene National Trust Range, a product line developed in collaboration with the National Trust specifically for use on historic buildings. These paints are formulated to be breathable and vapour-permeable, making them appropriate for application to traditional masonry and consistent with best conservation practice.

Proposed colours:

Little Greene National Trust Livid 263, Lamp Black 228, Portland Stone 77

The proposed palette has been chosen to reflect the muted, natural tones characteristic of the Georgian and pre-Victorian vernacular, presenting a more historically coherent appearance in keeping with the wider streetscape of Langstone High Street.

6. Assessment of Impact

The proposed works are considered to have a neutral to beneficial impact on the significance of the conservation area for the following reasons:

- The use of a breathable paint system will reduce the risk of long-term damage to the historic fabric of the building, replacing a paint type that may be causing harm.
- The proposed colour scheme is more sympathetic to the historic character of the property and its context than the existing scheme.
- The works are reversible in nature and do not involve any alteration to the form, massing, or structural fabric of the building.
- The works are consistent with the aims of the conservation area designation in preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of the historic environment.

7. Conclusion

The proposed external repainting of 9 Langstone High Street represents a sympathetic and conservation-appropriate response to flood damage sustained in 2024. The replacement of a modern, potentially harmful paint system with a breathable, heritage-matched alternative will benefit the long-term condition of the historic fabric. The proposed colour scheme better reflects the architectural character of the pre-Victorian streetscape and the aims of the Langstone Mill Lane Conservation Area.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed works should be supported.

*Prepared on behalf of the owner-occupiers of 9 Langstone High Street, Langstone, Havant,
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