

Heritage Statement and Design and Access Statement

Re-installation of staircase at Eastwood Cottage, Chapel Street, Robin Hoods Bay, YO22 4SQ

Introduction

It is understood that in these statements 'the level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance'.

The proposal

This application is for listed building consent to replace an aluminium ladder used to access the upper room in Eastwood Cottage with a more appropriate wooden staircase similar to that which would have originally been in place.

The need for listed building consent

The replacement of the ladder with a staircase constitutes an alteration to the listed building. However it is not an alteration that affects the special architectural or historic interest of the listed building.

The replacement of a modern ladder with a staircase similar to that which would have originally been in place is an alteration to the listed building but, if anything, it enhances rather than diminishes "its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest'.

Justification

The current access ladder is both unsightly and unsafe. It relates poorly to the period of the listed building, makes no contribution to its special architectural or historic interest and is arguably of negative heritage significance (i.e. it causes harm to the character of the listed building).

The replacement staircase is a more appropriate similar to that which might originally been in place. Its design is simple to stay in character with the listed building.

Access

Access arrangements are not affected by the proposed alteration.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out in this Heritage Statement the proposed alteration is totally compatible with the preservation of the listed building.

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