



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
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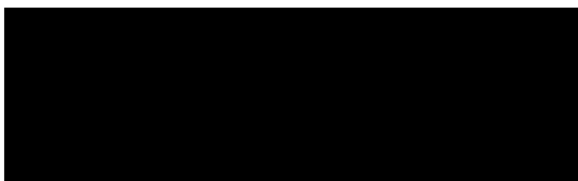
Dear Sir

1 Sickle Mill House (WA/2022/00858) - Objection

The Haslemere Society wishes to object to the above application on the following grounds:

1. The application seeks to introduce a balcony and new gangway on the mill elevation overlooking the mill stream/leet. We note that no competent Heritage Statement has been submitted with the application (one paragraph in the DAS is unlikely to be sufficient). Accordingly the special interest of the building has not been borne in mind when designing the proposals. For instance, the proposed balcony's location would be directly over or immediately next to the former location of the mill wheel, blurring a very important part of the building's history. The balcony would also require (as designed) a doorway from the interior, leading to the unnecessary loss of historic brickwork. The proposed LEDs in the railings would be inappropriate to the character of the listed building as a vernacular, former functional mill house.
2. As regards the proposed gangway to the former boiler house, the provision of such a gangway could no doubt be designed to be low-key. However, the scheme proposes a high wall on one side, which seems excessive. A plain steel and timber gangway, say, with railings either side appears a more suitable solution. It is impossible to tell from the information provided if the proposed gangway is in an appropriate location and whether any harm would materialise. We would suggest that, if the application is refused or withdrawn, the applicant should be advised to submit a thorough Heritage Statement with the next application to show the significance of the areas proposed to be affected, and the heritage impacts of the scheme.

Yours Sincerely



S. Dullaway (on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group)