

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/2832/P	David Stone	04/08/2021 12:39:10	OBJ	<p>Together with other neighbours in Willow Cottages, I have objected to the proposed additional door and stairs at the end of the terrace for the reasons given there. Additionally, I wanted also to object to the proposed addition of a metal stairway from the garden to the lower ground floor at the front of the building.</p> <p>Willow Cottages is a row of Grade II listed cottages, the listing for which notes the views down the (unusually) long front gardens. The terrace is positioned such that lower ground floor access is provided through a rear laneway - on the front side of the terrace on Willow Road, the lower ground floors are below ground level, each with a lightwell at the front. These were never intended to provide pedestrian access from the front gardens. Over the years, various changes have been made (many of them prior to the Grade II listing) which create variance between the cottages - any further variance should therefore be avoided where possible, so as to keep the amenity of the Grade II listing, particularly for the aspects visible to passers-by (including the front). Adding a metal stair from the garden down to the lower ground floor is out of keeping with the adjacent terraces, and therefore makes a negative contribution to the conservation area, and the Grade II listing. It is also unnecessary - there is already access to the lower ground floor either via the internal staircase, or via the rear laneway.</p> <p>I have no objection to the interior works to the property, or to the roof light at the rear. I note that reference is made to "the lower ground is to be used as a studio/home office space benefitting from an independent access at the rear". Obviously, there is not other suggestion in the application that it is seeking a change of use from residential or to sub-divide the property, so I would ask that that be made clear when a decision is issued.</p>

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