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Dear Ms Haslett

WORTHING SOCIETY CONSULTATION RESPONSE

AWDM/0852/25|STAINTON HOUSE, ABBEY ROAD, WORTHING BN11 3RW

Removal of 1 no. existing brick pier and gate|

Thank you for requesting our comments in respect of the above mentioned application. Stainton House is located within the Ivy Place Conservation Area. The house is late Victorian in character and included on the Local Interest List. It has 'group value' with the adjacent properties, 'Abinger' and 'Ainslea Court'. Red brick pathways and brick piers are a feature of the conservation area and to the setting of these houses.

I have now had the opportunity to discuss the application with our Heritage Team and make a site visit to the area. We have considered the application very carefully. In our view this pier and finial is one of a pair at the end of the original red-brick pathway with a small gateway leading to the forecourt of Stainton and Abinger House. These two piers and gate form an historic period feature which is important to the character of this part of both the CA and the proximate, locally listed, buildings.

We consider the removal of the distinctive brick pier and gate would have an adverse impact on this part of the CA. The loss of this important feature would also diminish the historic setting of this group of locally listed properties. Overall, this would not be consistent with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

In summary and for the reasons stated we object to this application.

Yours faithfully

Susan Belton
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