

Heritage & Design Statement – 8 Field Row, Worthing BN11 1TD

Introduction

The subject building is Grade II listed and this is therefore an application for listed building consent.

The proposed development concerns the installation by SGN (the sole gas connection supplier for this location) of a gas meter box on the front external wall of the building.

A front and side elevation plan, along with a block plan are attached to the application. A photograph showing the type/dimensions of the proposed gas meter box and a photo showing the existing supply pipe (as well as the proposed location of the gas meter box) are included within this statement.

Background

8 Liverpool Terrace is a Grade II listed regency terraced house within a terrace of 12 houses built in around 1830-1835. It is thought to have been designed by Amon Henry Wilds of Brighton, although one source – Edward Snewin's "Glimpses of Old Worthing" - suggests the architect was Henry Cotton.

The original building was constructed as a single dwelling house, has more recently been used as offices and has now been converted back to a single dwelling house.

Within the demise to the rear is a more recent two storey rear addition believed to have been built in the late 19th Century, which is known as 8 Field Row. 8 Field Row has been converted to a separate dwelling house and it is this element of the listed building for which this application is submitted.

Listing Details

“LIVERPOOL TERRACE 1. 5406 Nos 1 to 12 (consec) TQ 1402 NE 3/20 TQ 1402 SE 4/20 11.10.49. II GV 2. 1830-1835. Possibly designed by Amon Henry Wilds of Brighton, but Edward Snewin's "Glimpses of Old Worthing" gives the Architect as Henry Cotton. 4 storeys and basement with area (an extra storey added to Nos 8 and 10), 4 windows each. Stuccoed, the ground floor rusticated. Curved bay of 3 windows each on all floors including the basement. Cornice and parapet. Stringcourse above 1st floor. Iron balconies on 1st floor (replaced at Nos 8, 11 and 12). Instead of an iron balcony No 10 has a narthex or colonnade of 5 large Doric columns over the pavement with a wide stuccoed balcony above having a balustrade supporting urns. Nearly all glazing bars intact. Rectangular fanlights to doorways and 8 panelled moulded doors. Railings to basement areas and front steps, with finials in form of spears impaling crescents. Nos. 1 to 12 (consec.) form a group. Listing NGR: TQ1477102551”.

Proposed Works and Heritage Impact

The proposed works comprise the installation by SGN of a gas meter box on the external wall of 8 Field Row.

The box will need to be bolted to the wall and will therefore have a minimal impact on the structure and fabric of the building. Being attached to the external wall, it will be visible from Field Row. SGN have provided the following options:

Typical meter box types for U6 meters gas loads up to 65kW



Built-in (recessed) meter box

The supply and fitting of this box is your responsibility. These are available from builder's merchants and large DIY stores.

- 600mm high
- 434mm wide
- protrudes 60mm from outer wall



Unibox

Supplied and fitted by us.

- 500mm high
- 480mm wide
- 290mm depth



Bolt-on box (wall-mounted box)

Supplied and fitted by us.

Complete assembly

- 503mm high
- 408mm wide
- 224mm depth



Above ground entry

For internal meter positions. We will always look for external meter positions for your meter unless this is the only available option.

You'll select your meter housing at the application stage of the process, and have a number of options to choose from.

The existing connection is similar to the Above Ground Entry option shown above (see photograph below). As stated above, SGN will always look for external meter positions unless Above Ground Entry is the only available option.

Of the remaining three options, the Built-In (recessed) meter box is unsuitable as it is designed for cavity walls, whereas 8 Field Row has a solid wall. The Unibox is too wide and will not fit in the space available. The Bolt-On Box (wall mounted box) will fit in the space available and can be bolted onto the external wall and is SGN's preferred option out of the remaining two options. It appears that Above Ground Entry (which is the same as the current arrangement as seen in the below photograph) will only be considered by SGN if it is the only option available.



Conclusions

The proposed installation of an external gas meter box to the building at 8 Field Row will be predominantly cosmetic and will not substantially change the external appearance of the building, although it will be visible from Field Row.

8 Field Row is included within the listing for 8 Liverpool Terrace, even though it is a non original addition believed to have been constructed in the late 19th Century.

SGN have stated that they would like to provide an external gas meter box for the new gas meter required at the property. Only if it is not possible to install an external gas meter will they consider allowing the gas meter to be installed internally.

We would be pleased to provide any further information with regards to the application if required.

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