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PLANNING DIVISION
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Work commenced June 2007.

Work carried out by Keith Burgoyne of KB Groundworks of 32 Clare Crescent, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7RQ, assisted by the freeholder Adrian Crickmer.

Removal of rusted existing balcony to rear of building. Existing balcony was badly rusted and becoming structurally unsafe. Replaced by concrete balcony with wooden deck top and stainless steel railings. Supported by concrete block piers and rendered.

Removal of rusted metal platform to left of building. Again badly rusted and becoming structurally unsafe. Two doorways that entered the building from this platform are to become windows and a new doorway was created to rear of property to replace those.

Concrete steps to right of property replaced like for like leaving a gap between steps and house, unlike what was there,, in order to help cure damp ingress into ground floor flat.

Excavation of earth behind house to build retaining wall away from the house in order to cure long standing damp problem of water penetrating rear wall of ground floor flat as this had been built against the earth bank with poor provision for damp-proofing by original builder at time of conversion before present ownership.

The freeholder Adrian Crickmer didn't realise that planning permission was required as the works pretty much replaced existing features of balcony and side steps and were to cure a damp problem on the back wall of ground floor flat.

The retaining wall is no higher than the original retaining wall which could be seen to the left of the building and has no visual impact when viewed from the roadside or seafront side.

Adrian Crickmer would like to apologise for the rather drawn out nature of trying to submit plans to Planning Officer Mr Knight but during the works Mr Crickmer had a series of personal traumas including the illness and subsequent death of his mother, and rather unfortunately during the same period also the breakdown of his relationship pretty much rendering him a single parent. This has slowed down progress in all areas although things are now improving gradually.

Plans are now ready showing the works as they are to be completed, with the addition of plans to create a top floor two-bedroomed flat by loft conversion. A similar house at 134 Brighton Road has recently been converted to create a two-bedroomed flat on the top floor.