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Hackhurst Farm

Client

National Trust

Location

Surrey

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

March 2009

Key Issues

Improving understanding of buildings and group

Identifying issues and significance

Informing Conservation and future management



Hackhurst Farmhouse and associated farm buildings are located just north of Abinger Hammer in Surrey on the former Abinger Hall Estate. The farmhouse and adjacent cottage both date originally to the mid 16th century and are timber framed. Both houses have been much altered and became part of the Abinger Hall Home Farm in the 18th century when the farm complex grew with several added buildings. The farm further expanded in the 19th century and parts are still in use by a tenant dairy farmer. The National Trust acquired the farm complex in the mid 20th century and the farmhouse and cottage are let to private tenants.

CgMs completed an historic buildings record of the farmhouse in order to increase understanding of the building and its development. The core 16th-century timber-framed cottage was largely in tact although much altered with later additions and changes as well as a number of 20th century redecorations that had done little to improve the building. As well as providing a record CgMs also identified key issues for maintaining the significance of the house while improving its domestic conditions and facilities.

At the same time as undertaking the record CgMs provided a brief historic buildings assessment for the remaining farm buildings, which were identified as being within the curtilage of the listed building. It identified their history and development and their contribution to the group significance of the farm complex.

The documents were aimed at enabling sensitive future use that maintains the special interest of the buildings based upon a solid understanding of their history, development and special interest.



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