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Oare House

Client

The Hon. and Mrs H Keswick

Location

Wiltshire

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

June 2006

Key Issues

Historic Building Record

Discharge of Condition
Attached to Listed Building
Consent

Historic Building Appraisal

Impact Assessment



Oare House is a Grade I listed building in extensive grounds on the edge of the village of Oare in Wiltshire. The house was built in 1740 for Henry Deacon, a wealthy wine merchant and consists of a central three-storey block flanked by projecting two-storey wings on the entrance front. Major additions, including new north and south wings, were made by Clough Williams Ellis in the 1920s for the then owner, Sir Geoffrey Fry, private secretary to both Bonar Law and Stanley Baldwin.

An historic building record was compiled to discharge a condition imposed by Kennet District Council on a listed building consent for alterations to the building. The alterations (in the justification for which CgMs was also involved at planning stage) focused on the remodelling of Clough Williams Ellis' north wing, including replacement of sash windows, raising the height of the parapet and sections of a screen wall, reconstruction of the unsatisfactory roof structure, and the removal of a chimney stack.

The historic building record produced by CgMs involved research of published sources and the original plans by Williams Ellis to provide a history of the building, coupled with a thorough photographic record of the parts of the house affected by the approved works and an illustrated written description. The approved works exposed new evidence for the construction of the house, most notably that the original north wing was constructed as a two-storey structure and that its roof structure remained intact. Blocked windows and anomalies in the brickwork exposed by the works informed a greater understanding of the alterations and additions made by Clough Williams Ellis.



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