

The Star

16 Station Road, Lydd TN29 9EB

Heritage Statement

The Star is located in a South Easterly direction and is on Station Road in the town of Lydd which forms part of the Romney Marsh greater area. We have attached maps (Google) in order to further illustrate the position. The Latitude/Longitude is 50.9526, 0.9088. OS Grid Reference: TR0440221049. OS Grid Coordinates: 604402, 121049.

This report very largely relies on the information found in the British Listed Buildings report, the information found at English Heritage, the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, as well as our own researches.

In many cases we have paraphrased these and added information we have found from other sources.

This building is Listed (Grade II).

The English Heritage Building ID is 175249.

Essentially, it is known to be a 2 storey timber framed building which is of painted brick and has a tiled roof.

British Listed Buildings lists it as having *' 4 casement windows and 2 door cases in moulded architrave surrounds with pediments over, supported on consoles.'*

The rear elevation slopes to 1 storey and has 2 gables.

British Listed buildings further states that *'No 16 and No 18 form a group'*.

The building was Listed in 1950 along with many buildings that had hitherto been overlooked.

As it stands at the moment, The Star is a three cell house principally of the 17th century.

The western bay of the house is recognisably not part of the main range but forms a cross wing and has an external wall of one storey to the side of the building.

The building has a stone wall to the west. It is not known exactly when this was built and it has clearly seen modifications over the years and is visibly a mixture of stone with brick additions. Incorporated in this wall, there is a carved head. It is also not known when this was put in (nor indeed who was responsible for it) and local people are known to rub the head as they pass! A picture of the head is enclosed with this report.

The roof is thought to be late 15th century or early 16th century. Originally it was thought to be attached to an open hall. The hall and lower parts of the East cross wing were thought to have been totally removed in the 17th century, which is when the present hall floor and double stack was thought to have been built.

Clearly this house has suffered various additions and alterations through the centuries.

The original timber framed house was thought to have been built in the Medieval period (1473-1532) This was thought to have consisted of an open hall house.

A modern extension/addition was built in 1987. These were in the rear of the building and were built of brick/flat roof and brick/tile.

This was followed by Post Medieval additions (1600-1699). At this time additions and alterations were made and the house was thought to have been totally remodelled. This forms the basis of what exists today.

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The Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England found that, as it looks at the present time, the house appears to have been made into a three celled house in the 17th Century. An entrance opens against a double chimney stack which has now been much rebuilt. This is to be found between the central and East rooms.

It can be seen that the Western bay is recognisably not part of the main range but forms a cross wing. As previously stated, this has a stone wall on the western face and it is not actually known when this was built. It is in this wall that the medieval stone head was built (see separate sheet). The head is thought to have come from elsewhere and is thought to be of 14th century origin.

The west wing contains an elaborately moulded beam against the rear, (South), wall and there is a main beam with a quarter round moulding in the centre.

The roof is probably late 15th century and is of clasped purlin construction. Timber framed with tile cover.

At the East end of the house it is found that the East bay is also cross wing. This can be recognised in the roof where there is evidence that there once existed an older roof which was actually lower than the existing one. The lower roof would have had a simple collar rafter. There is evidence that it would have run at right angles and this is now underneath the 17th century clasped purlin roof. The original roof was thought to be the original 15th century medieval roof.

It was generally thought to have originally been an open hall house.. One or two of the original rafters with mortices for collars survive from this period over the hall range.

Clearly, as previously stated, the house was completely remodelled in the 17th century and this forms the basis of what exists today.

We think that this is a fine and beautiful Grade II Listed building.

We respect its history.

Our development (please see drawings and plans attached) actually propose no changes at all to the front elevation (other than cleaning and redecoration). Nor do we propose any change the roof (either to the front, side or rear elevations) other than treating the timber and cleaning.

Furthermore, we propose no change to the above mentioned beams nor to the double chimney stack which divides the east and central rooms. We would wish to preserve these features and bring the fireplace into use.

We also propose no change to the outside West stone wall and will take care to preserve the medieval mask contained therein.

We regard these to be the elements for which the house has been listed and we propose no changes whatsoever in this respect.

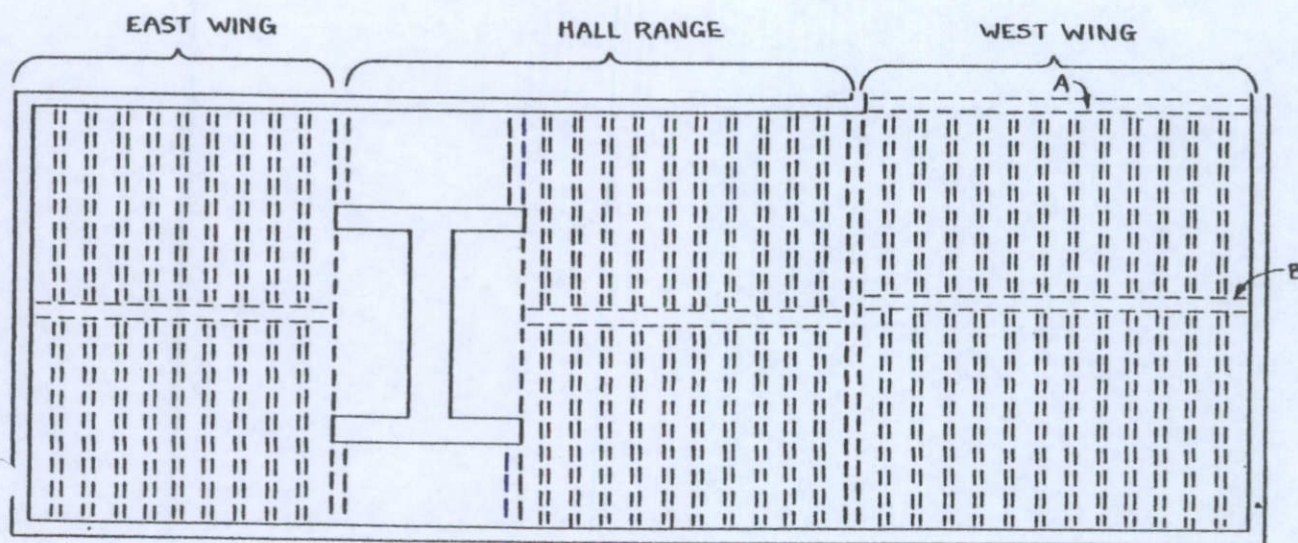
Externally, our architectural changes only relate to the rear modern addition at the rear. Here we are wishing to take down the chimney stack in the one floor rear extension. This has no purpose at present. We also wish to modify some of the windows which are not in keeping with the original (see plans). We are also seeking to landscape the rear garden.

Internally, we are proposing to divide the house, modify the modern toilet block and put up certain room divisions as in the plan. One or two rooms will have modified uses and we are proposing several plumbing and electrical changes and we are also proposing to put up a new staircase through the floor where it is not original but was modified in the 1987 changes. Here we are not proposing changes to the existing beams, but internal divisions, plumbing and electrical changes and of course decoration and appearance.

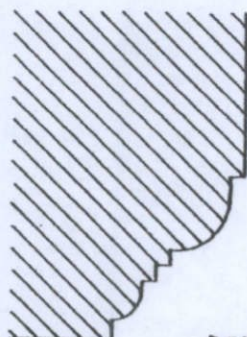
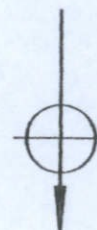
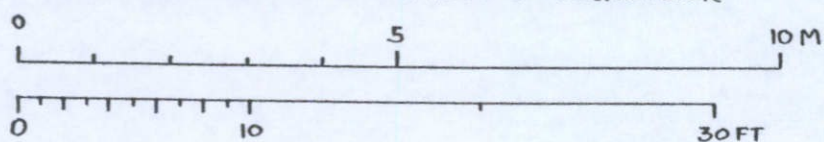
We feel that we have been very respectful to this building and that we are proposing positive changes to this house. We wish to bring this building back into use and have had a very positive reaction from the local people we have spoken to. We feel that we are turning history back and restoring the house to some of its previous uses. There are two identical external doors to the front. This suggests that it had formerly been used as two houses and we would wish to do the same.

Externally, the house will look exactly the same and it will be restored to form a pair with no 18 (as seemed intended).

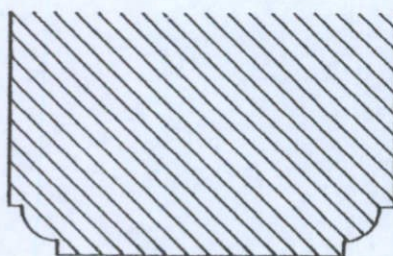




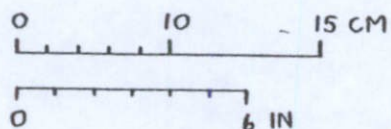
APPROXIMATE SCALE FOR SKETCH PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR



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