Planning Advisory Group: report to Walberswick Parish Council

DC/25/0978/VOC

The Pink House, Seven Acres Lane, Walberswick, Suffolk, IP18 6UL.

"Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/24/0416/LBC - Listed Building Consent - New dormer window, alterations to fenestration and internal layout, general repairs to existing fabric and insulation on external walls and roof - Submission of Revised Drawings"

07.04.25

1. Opinion

In the opinion of the Planning Advisory Group this application would fail to preserve or enhance the significance of a designated asset and should be **REFUSED**.

2. Description

The Pink House (or Box Bush as it was called at the time of listing) is Grade II listed.

The application proposes revisions to the ground and first floor layouts, including the removal of a partition wall between the existing kitchen and dining room.

3. Comment and Conclusion

The listing description (September 2023) states that the property is: "...particularly well-preserved both internally and externally" and it is clear that the preservation of fabric and its largely unaltered plan form contributed to the property meeting national listing criteria.

It is noted that the wall to be removed between the kitchen and dining room, described by the Applicant as being "of modern plasterboard construction" is shown on the original architectural floors plans by Jennings and Coleridge (illustrated within the Heritage Impact Statement, p31, submitted as part of application DC/24/0416/LBC).

The use of plasterboard within a property constructed c1938 is not uncommon.

The proposed loss of this partition would result in the erosion of the original plan form. The need for this intervention has not been justified by the application.