

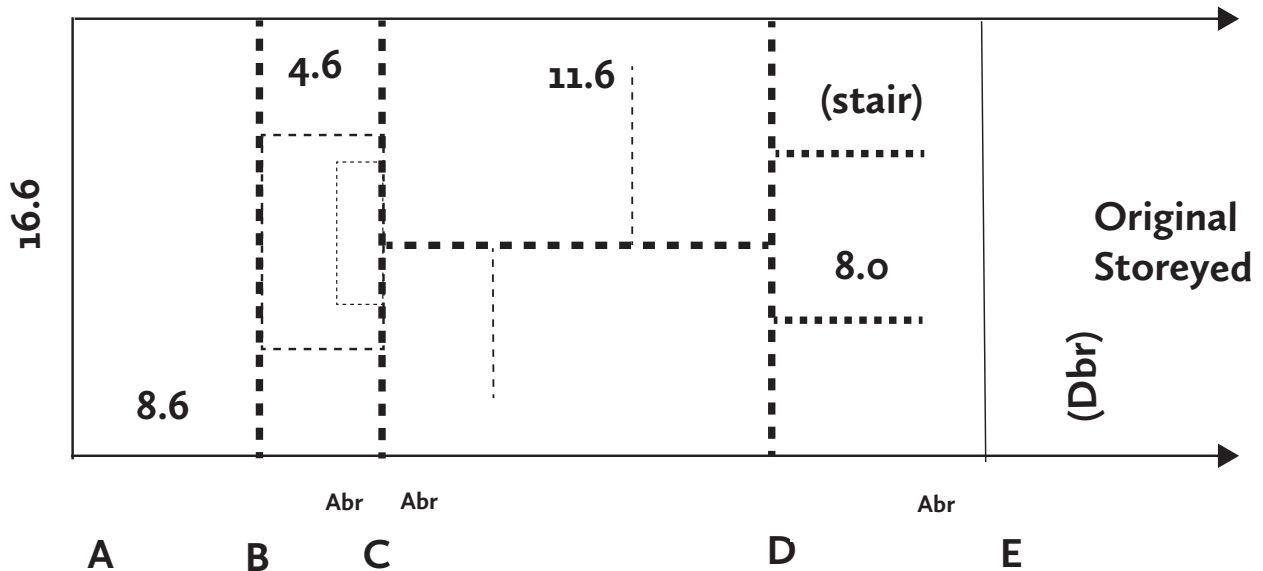


Lawn Cottage, North Lane

Statutory listing:

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House. C17 timber frame, extended at each end in the early and late C19. Walls of malmstone ashlar with brick quoins and cambered openings: the centre of the front has exposed framing with malmstone infill. Hipped thatch roof: tile roof to the west-end outshot. North front elevation of two storeys, one upper casement window, and three plain doorways. The rear



elevation is two storeys, three windows, with a west side extension of one storey (full height) one window, and a further outshot extension.

Description

Parallel with and on the south side of the highway, set up on the bank; thatched above facing/infill of malmstone with brick. Modern additions to the west. Timber-framing, now infilled with malmstone, visible on north-east elevation; rafter feet indicate original extended up to end elevation. Arch-bracing (Abr) where

indicated with wattle-and-daub surviving at C. Some traces of red ochre on timbering, including cill. Single bay-post seen at E (north) with mortice, presumably for corner down brace; tie and vertical studs at E faced westwards.

West of E originally single storey, floor inserted consisting of re-cycled barn timbers (owner's info.) DE joisted longitudinally, heavy scantling, evidence for stair trimmer (south); stud and stave mortices on underside of mid-tie at D. CD has axial girder, stop-chamfered, supported by stack.

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Roof timbers all sooted, construction of queen posts with clasped side-purlins, (owner's info.).

Interpretation

Four bay house, originally with 2-bay central unfloored hall (B > D) flanked by floored bays; services (AB) & solar (DE). Narrow hall bay (BC) probably accommodated cross entry. Photographs provided by the owner confirmed roof structure of queen struts & side-purlins, sooting and tapered jowl profiles; taken with the pattern of framing and plan these suggest original build towards end of 1400s. Rare to find evidence of colouring. Chimney built into narrow bay and hall floored in early 1600s, when BC could have become a baffle entry. Scantling and bracing similar to 29/31 North Lane.