

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Audleys Cross Farmhouse, Loggerheads (Ref: 21/22003/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee that:-

- 1. £ 2,666 Historic Building Grant be given towards new timber windows on the front and rear of the farmhouse.**

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of applications for financial assistance towards the cost of new windows at the above property and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on the application.

The application is for assistance to help pay for new timber windows at the farmhouse on a like for like basis. Two windows are large bay windows to the front and the others are two are small windows in the rear upper floor.

Competitive quotations have been received and considered. The total cost of this is £22,600.35 including VAT.

The farmhouse is a Grade II Listed Building, and the work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works.

Despite the eligible work for the windows currently being £4,520, the farmhouse has already received a grant of £2,334 from the Historic Building Grant Fund towards the cost of replacement windows in 2014, so it is considered that the balance should be made up to the maximum £5,000 per property and that £2,666 be offered to the applicant as a contribution to the windows.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party will consider the grant at its next meeting on 22 March 2022 and its views will be reported to the committee.

Financial Implications

Historic buildings and structures are entitled to apply for up to a maximum of £5,000 from the Conservation and Heritage Grant Fund. The intervention rate is 20% of the cost of the work for Listed Buildings.

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with a little over £18,657 in the Fund; allowing for commitments but not including the grant for St Peters Churchyard wall which is also an item for planning committee.