Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund

Bull Pen and Stable at Audleys Cross (Ref: 24/25001/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

£ 4,670 Historic Building Grant be given towards roof repairs.

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of applications for financial assistance towards the cost of repairing the roof and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on the application.

Bull Pen and Stable at Audleys Cross Farmhouse

The application is for repair of the roof to a section of the farm buildings, including stripping re-fixing loose timbers, relaying loose corbel bricks re-tiling and lead work, with scaffold access.

During the listed building survey in 2022/23 it was recorded that the barn roof was in urgent need of repair. The timbers had failed and tiles had fallen and slipped and corbelling was loose or missing.

The barns are listed Grade II as part of the Audleys Cross Farmhouse and ranges of farmbuildings. It is the right hand of the taller square corner sections with hipped roof which has suffered from the decay. Earlier surveys show that some sections including this were covered in ivy, which probably caused the decline of the mortar and the brickwork. This has been cleared but the decay now needs rectifying to halt the decay and repair the damage.

The work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works. Two competitive quotations have been received for the work and the lowest at £23,352 inc VAT which is payable. 20% of this cost is £4,670.

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 an allocation this year to the Fund of £28,633. This allows for existing commitments.