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**15/01348/FUL CT.8347/A**

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Cirencester  
Gloucestershire  
GL7 1HE**

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**Erection of Guest/"Granny" Annexe at 24 Chester Crescent  
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<b>Full Application 15/01348/FUL (CT.8347/A)</b>	
Applicant:	Mr Russell Blackaller
Agent:	None
Case Officer:	Claire Baker
Ward Member(s):	Councillor Joe Harris
Committee Date:	9th December 2015

**Site Plan**



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**RECOMMENDATION: PERMIT**

**Main Issues:**

- (a) Impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area
- (b) Impact on the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties
- (c) Impact on the amenity of neighbours
- (d) Other matters

**Reasons for Referral:**

Councillor Harris has referred the application so that the concerns of the Town Council in relation to the impact on the street scene can be considered by the Committee.

**1. Site Description:**

The site is the rear garden of 24 Chester Crescent, an early twentieth century dwelling which is located within the Cirencester South Conservation Area.

**2. Relevant Planning History:**

None

**3. Planning Policies:**

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework  
 LPR15 Conservation Areas  
 LPR18 Develop within Development Boundaries  
 LPR42 Cotswold Design Code  
 LPR46 Privacy & Gardens in Residential Deve

**4. Observations of Consultees:**

Conservation Officer: Comments incorporated into the Officer Report  
 Biodiversity Officer: No objection  
 County Archaeologist: No objection subject to condition

**5. View of Town/Parish Council:**

Cirencester Town Council: Objects: The building is not in keeping with the street scene.

**6. Other Representations:**

1 letter of objection: the annexe could give rise to noise nuisance to the occupiers of 22 Chester Crescent as it could be used for band practice or parties; archaeology could be destroyed; the construction process would give rise to access problems and months of noise and dirt and disruption for the whole street.

1 letter neither supporting nor objecting but making the following comments; the annexe could be used for band practice; the annexe is too high and the fully glazed door is out of keeping as is the small high level window; the garage contains asbestos which need to be disposed of in the appropriate manner; construction process will need to be carefully managed to minimise the disruption to residents.

**7. Applicant's Supporting Information:**

Design and Access Statement  
 Drawings and photographs

## **8. Officer's Assessment:**

### **(a) The Proposal**

The proposal is for the demolition of an existing barn, garage and shed that are in a poor state of repair and the erection of a single storey guest/granny annexe. It is proposed to accommodate the applicant's father who requires care following suffering two strokes. The development would necessitate the removal of existing leylandii trees.

The building would have a pitched roof of blue slate tiles to match the existing houses and walls would be of rough dressed Cotswold Stone to the Chester Street and Chester Crescent elevations which would mirror the cottages opposite and reclaimed bricks on the garden elevation which would mirror the house and brick garden wall. The windows and doors would be of dark grey powder coated aluminium.

A condition is recommended to ensure that the annex would be ancillary to the main house were the application to be permitted.

### **(b) Impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area**

Officers are satisfied that the form and materials of the building would be in keeping with the character and appearance of the conservation area and that the proposal would be in compliance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policy 15 and Section 12 of the NPPF. There is map evidence that shows that a larger stable building was previously located in the same position as the proposed annex. The maps show that between 1875 & 1902 a large structure was built on the application site, and the adjacent houses were also built between these two dates. The structure disappeared sometime between 1932 & 1969. The historic structure had a significantly bigger footprint than that which is currently proposed. Its height is unknown, but it would have been at least single storey, thus it would have appeared no smaller, and potentially somewhat larger than the current proposal. Consequently there is a precedent for a building of this type in this location. The proportions of the proposed annex are also considered to be similar to other converted stable buildings within Cirencester. The relevant historic maps are attached to this report.

The current proposal generally comprises a simple, utilitarian linear range, with stone on the two exposed elevations and brick on the rear. This hierarchical use of materials was common in the 19th century. Apart from the fenestration, which is limited on the exposed elevations, the structure is a traditional and unremarkable outbuilding.

The natural stone walling material to the Chester Street and Chester Crescent elevations and the use of natural blue slate roofing material would be in keeping with the existing buildings in the vicinity. It is proposed that a grey powder coated aluminium window and door of modern design be installed in the external elevation. Whilst the design and material of these is unusual, provided these are of high quality, Officers do not think that they would be sufficiently harmful to the character and appearance of the conservation area to recommend refusal. A condition would be applied to any permission to ensure that details of the windows and doors would be submitted for approval. However, if Members were minded to permit the application subject to the construction of more traditional door and windows on the external elevation Officers would seek the agreement of the applicant to this amendment.

### **(c) Impact on the amenity of neighbours**

There would be no issues of the development overlooking neighbouring properties or being overbearing. Concerns have been raised regarding noise and disturbance that could result from the development. However, the annexe would be subject to the same environmental health legislation as the existing house and any excessive noise could be dealt with under that legislation.

**(d) Other Matters**

The disruption caused by the construction process is not normally a planning matter but the applicant has been made aware of the concerns raised. The disposal of asbestos is again not a planning matter but the applicant has been made aware of the concerns and the need to dispose of it as required by other regulations.

**9. Conclusion:**

Officers are satisfied that the proposal would serve to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area and would not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties and consequently recommend that the application be permitted.

**10. Conditions:**

The development shall be started by 3 years from the date of this decision notice.

**Reason:** To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The development hereby approved shall be implemented in accordance with the elevations received by the Local Planning Authority on 30 March 2015; revised block plan received on 5 May 2015 and revised floor plan received on 27 October 2015.

**Reason:** For purposes of clarity and for the avoidance of doubt, in accordance with paragraphs 203 and 206 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

All existing stone, where re-usable from the boundary wall shall be used in the construction of the annexe with its weathered surface facing outwards.

**Reason:** To ensure the development is completed in a manner sympathetic to the site and its surroundings in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42.

New external stonework shall be of the same stone type, colour and sizes as the existing stonework of the boundary wall and coursing, bonding, treatment of corners, method of pointing and mix and colour of mortar shall match that used for the existing stone boundary wall.

**Reason:** To ensure the development is completed in a manner sympathetic to the site and its surroundings in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42.

Work on the walling shall not start until sample panels of the stone walling, brick walling and rendered walling of at least one metre square in size showing the proposed stone colour, coursing, bonding, treatment of corners, method of pointing and mix and colour of mortar and the colour and texture of the render have been erected on the site and subsequently approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the walls shall be constructed only in the same way as the approved panel. The panels shall be retained on site until the completion of the development.

**Reason:** To ensure that in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42, the development will be constructed of materials of a type, colour, texture and quality and in a manner appropriate to the site and its surroundings. Retention of the sample panel on site during the work will help to ensure consistency.

No bargeboards or eaves fascias shall be used in the proposed development.

**Reason:** To ensure the development is completed in a manner sympathetic to the site and its surroundings in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42.

No work shall commence on the doors, fenestration and walling until the design and details of the doors and fenestration including the colour, lintels and how the transition from brick to stone and stone to render will be achieved have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The design and details shall be accompanied by drawings to a minimum scale of 1:5 with full size moulding cross section profiles, elevations and sections. The development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved details and retained as such at all times.

**Reason:** To ensure the development is completed in a manner sympathetic to the site and its surroundings in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42.

New rainwater goods shall be of cast iron construction or a substitute which has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** To ensure the development is completed in a manner sympathetic to the site and its surroundings in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42.

No wires, plumbing or pipework other than those shown on the approved plans shall be fixed on the external elevations of the building.

**Reason:** To ensure the development is completed in a manner sympathetic to the site and its surroundings in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42.

The development shall only be used/occupied for purposes incidental to the residential use of the dwelling currently known as 24 Chester Crescent, Cirencester

**Reason:** An additional separate unit of accommodation may not be acceptable in this location and would require further consideration to ensure compliance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 18 and 46.

The external walls fronting Chester Street and Chester Crescent shall be built of Cotswold rubble stone and the roofing shall be of blue slate.

**Reason:** To ensure that in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policies 15 and 42, the development will be constructed of materials that are appropriate to the site and its surroundings. It is important to protect and maintain the character and appearance of the area in which this development is located.

The type and depth of foundations, drainage and services shall be approved in writing by the local planning authority prior to the commencement of the development.

**Reason:** These details are required prior to the commencement of development to ensure that significant heritage assets are conserved, in accordance with paragraph 129 of the National Planning Policy Framework

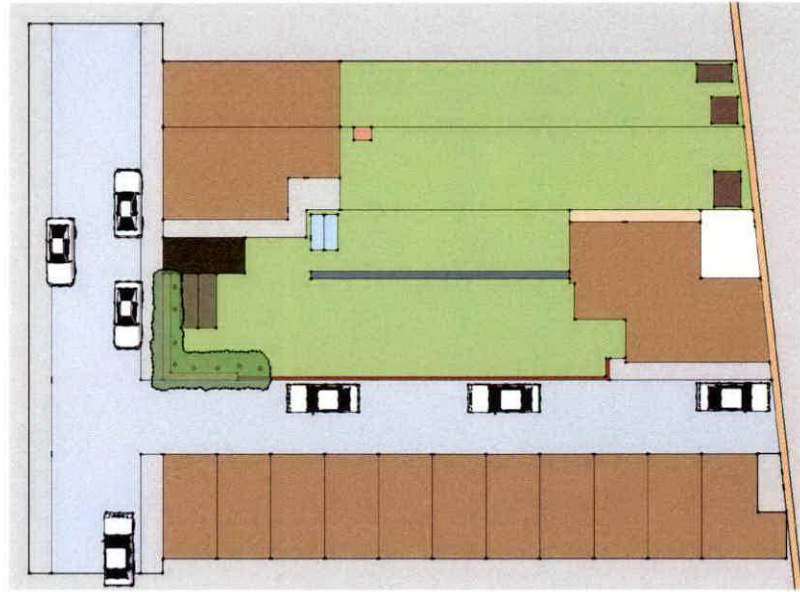
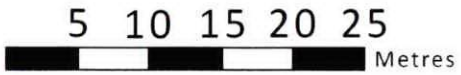
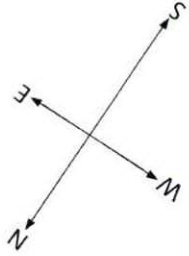
No development shall take place within the application site until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

**Reason:** These details are required prior to the commencement of development to make provision for a programme of archaeological mitigation, so as to record and advance understanding of any heritage assets which will be lost, in accordance with paragraph 141 of the National Planning Policy Framework

**INFORMATIVES :-**

1 All species of UK bats are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended. Their places of shelter are given further protection by the European Habitats Directive 1992, implemented in Britain by the Conservation Regulations 2010.

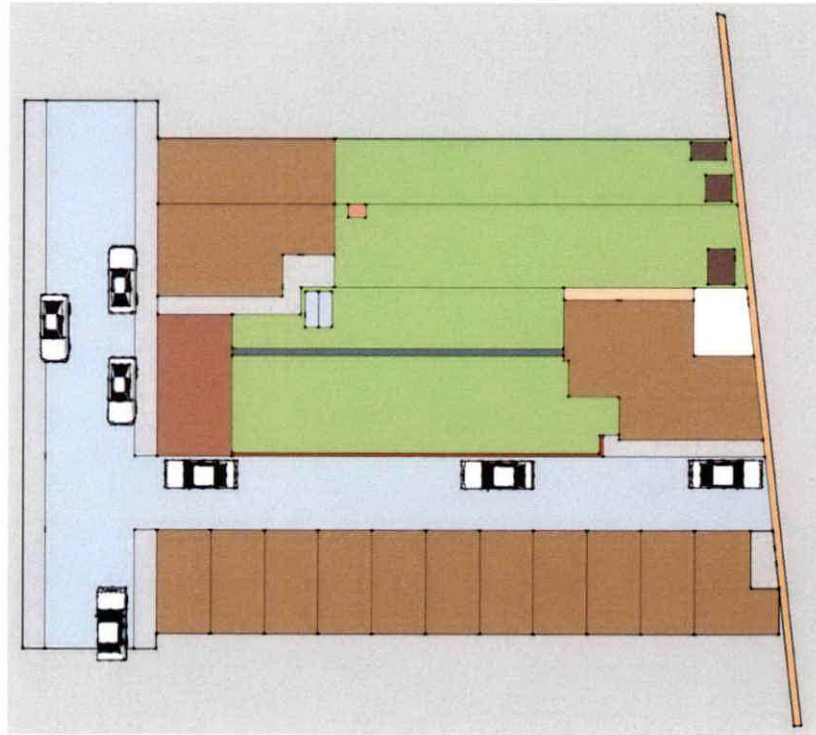
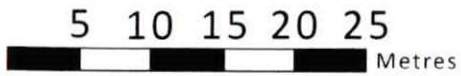
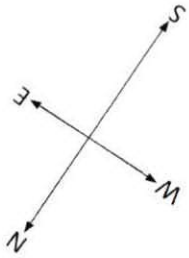
All UK birds are protected from disturbance whilst nesting under the Wildlife and Countryside Act



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# PROPOSED SITE PLAN

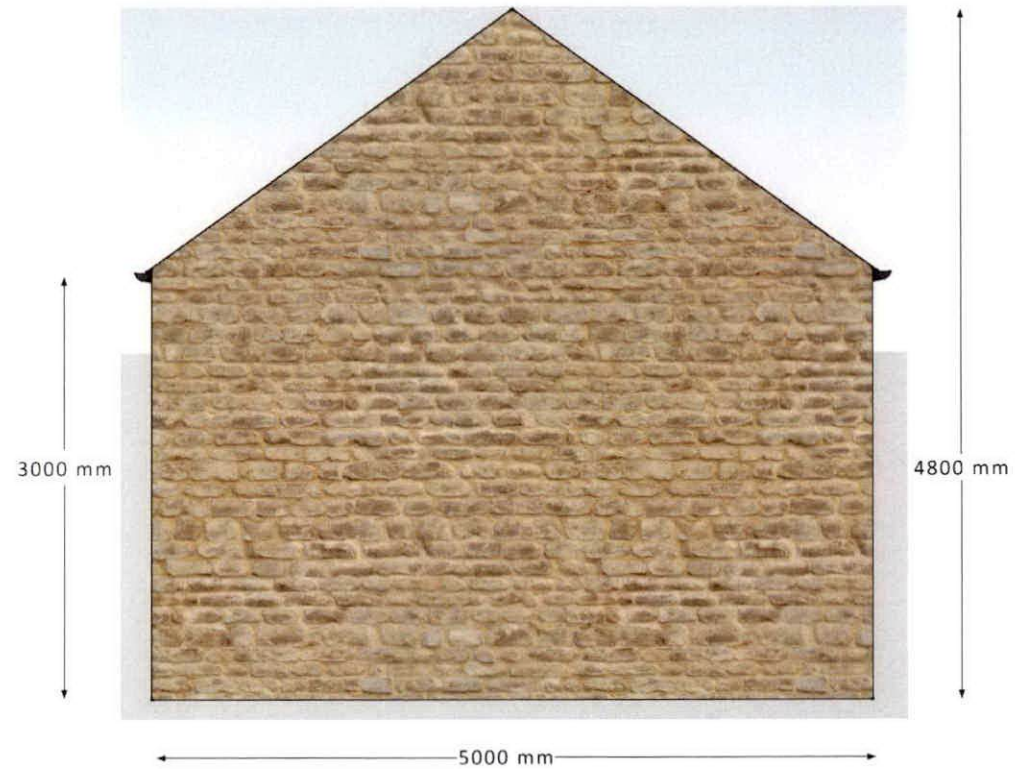
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# CHESTER STREET ELEVATION - N.E.

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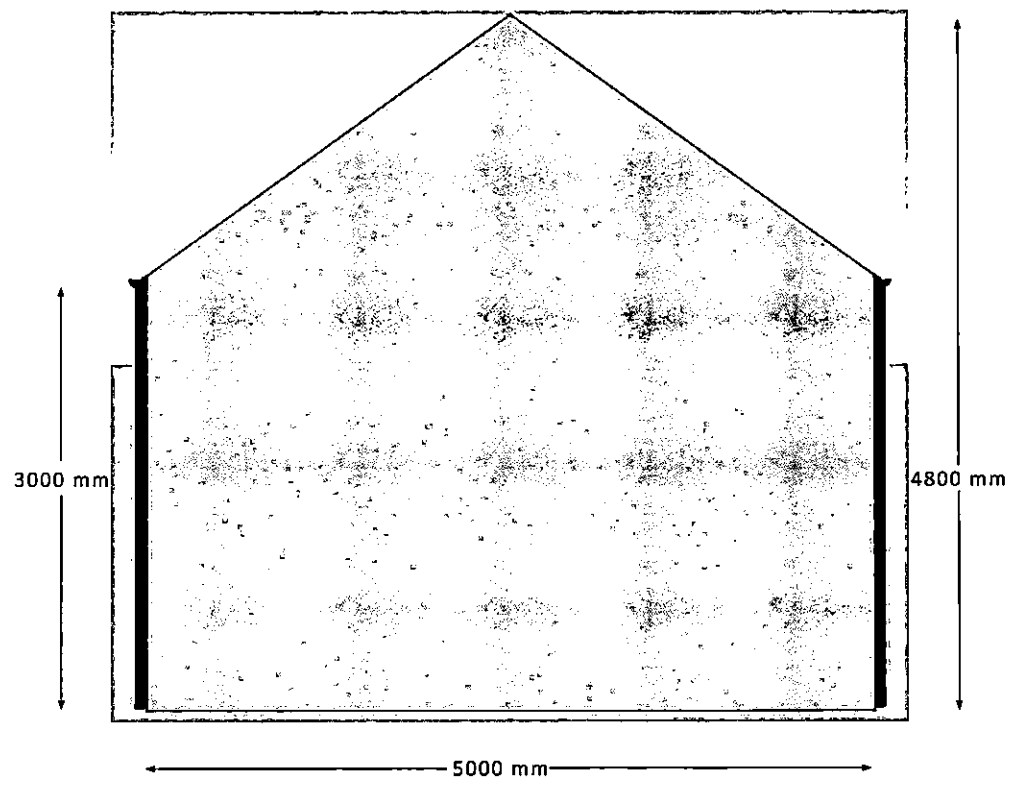
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GARDEN ELEVATION - S.W.

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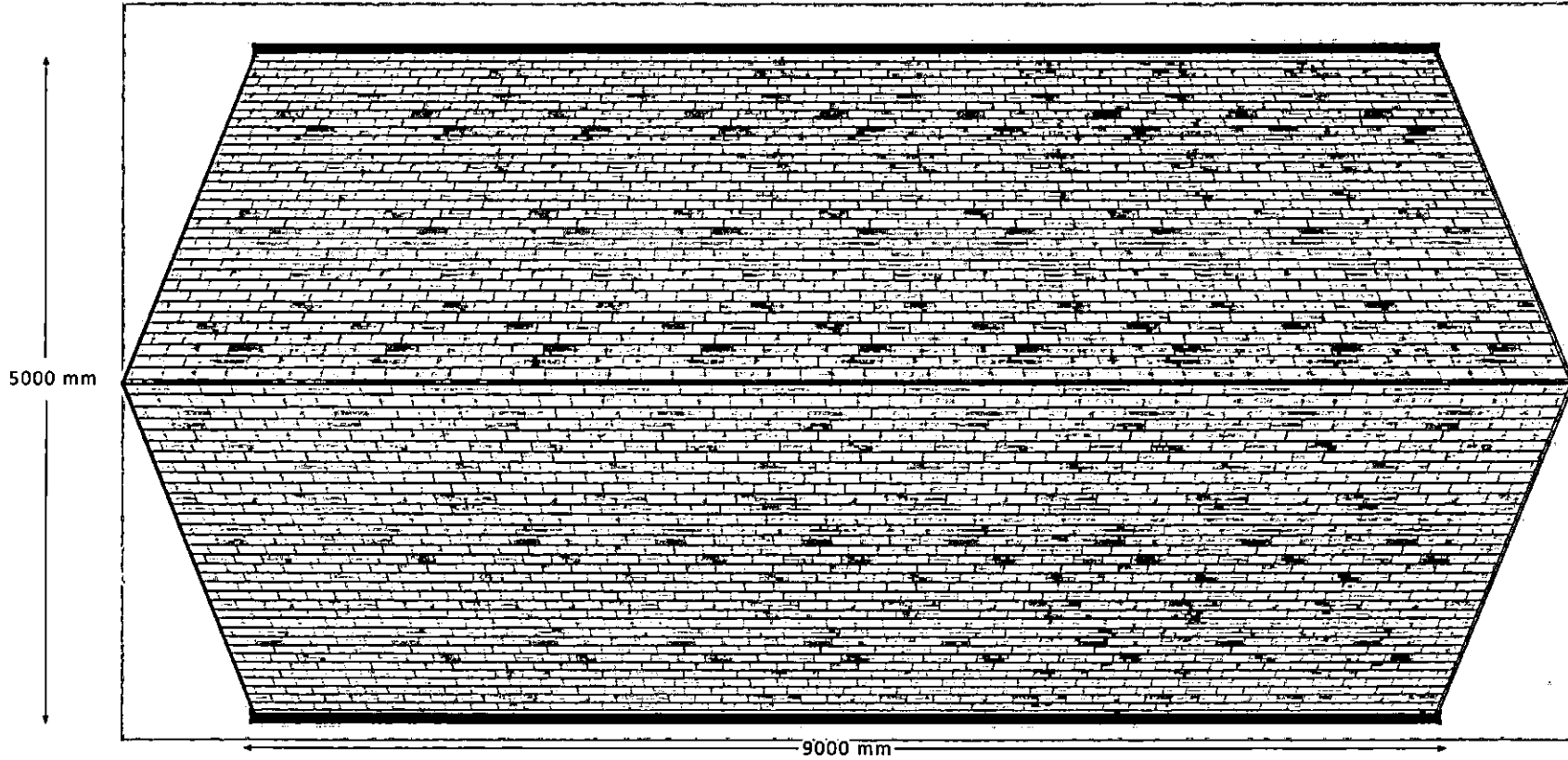


NEIGHBOUR'S ELEVATION - S.E.

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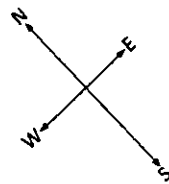


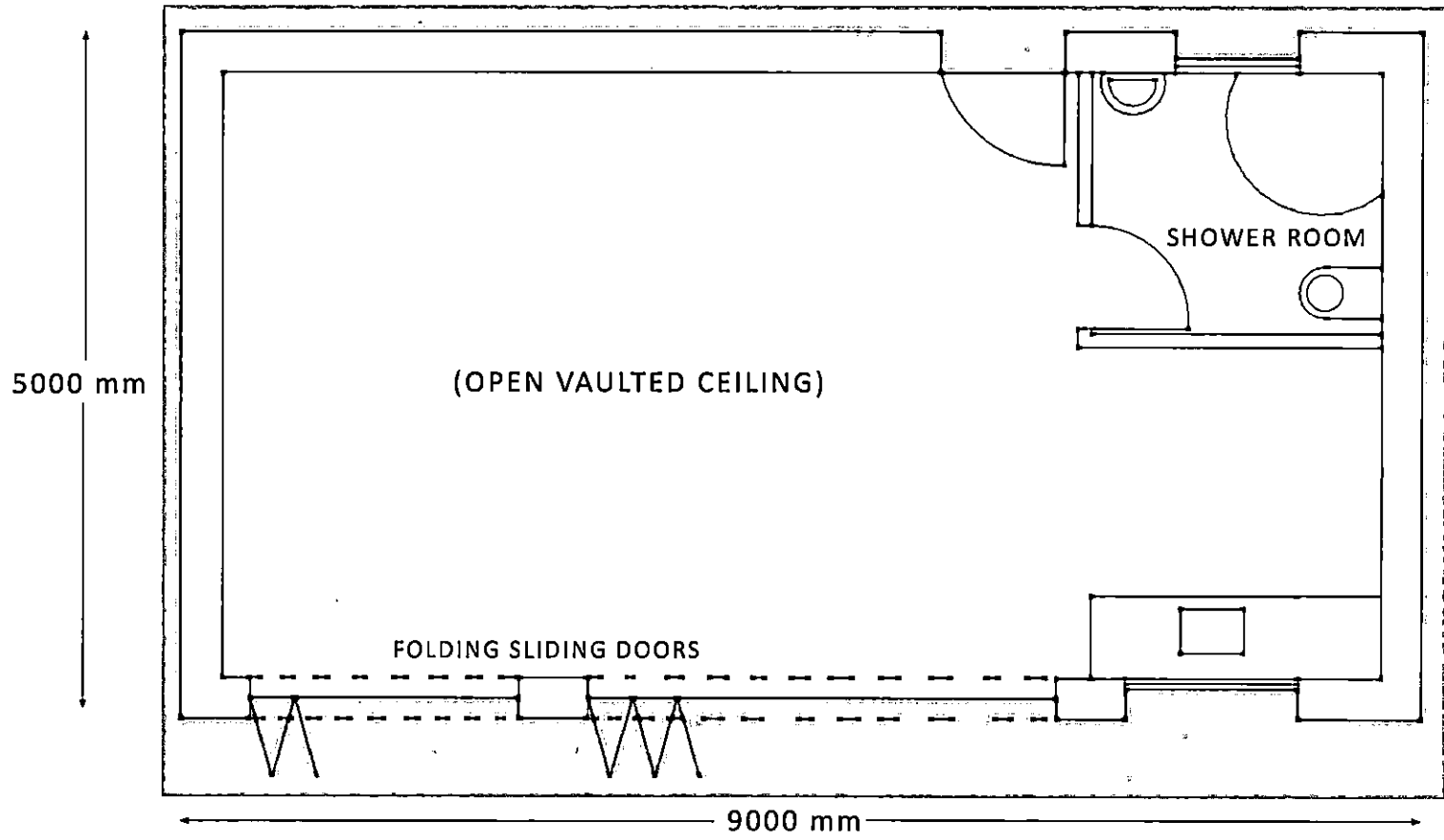
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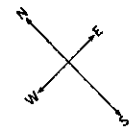
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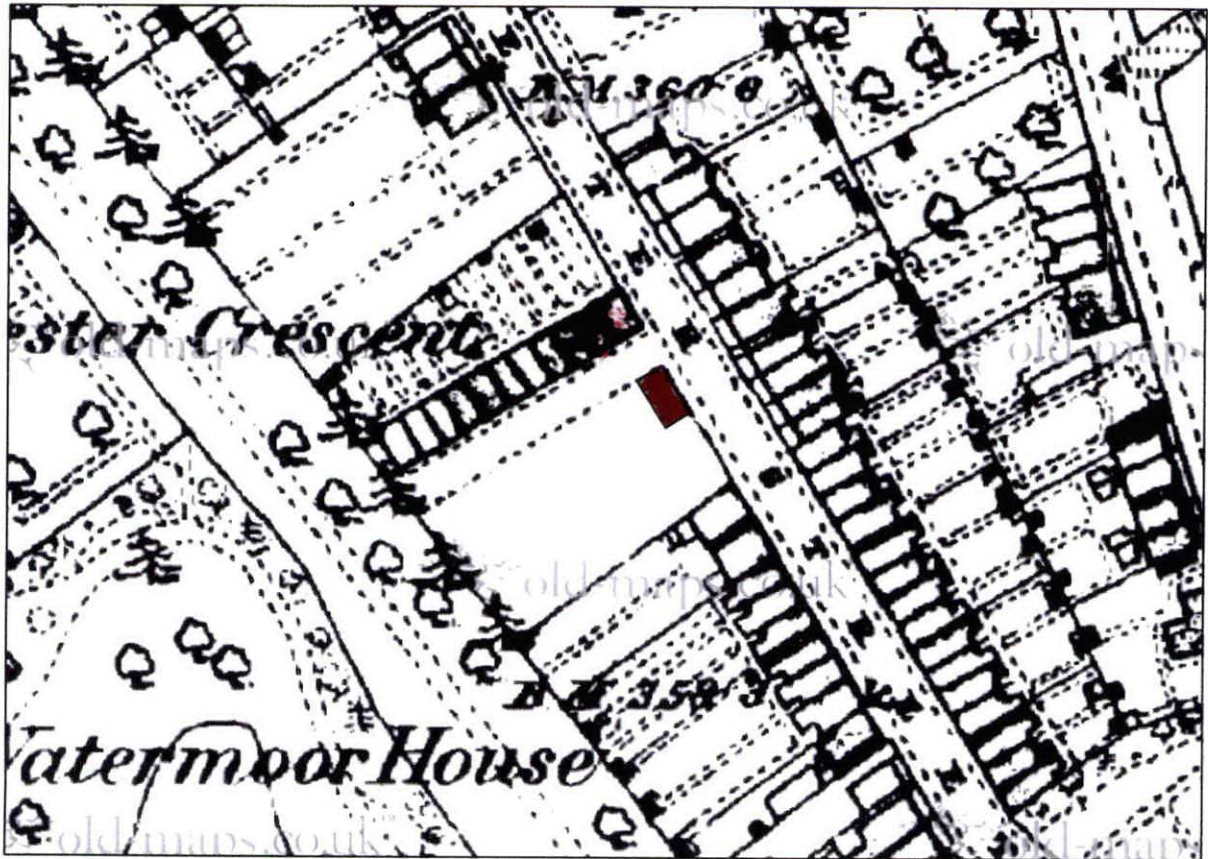


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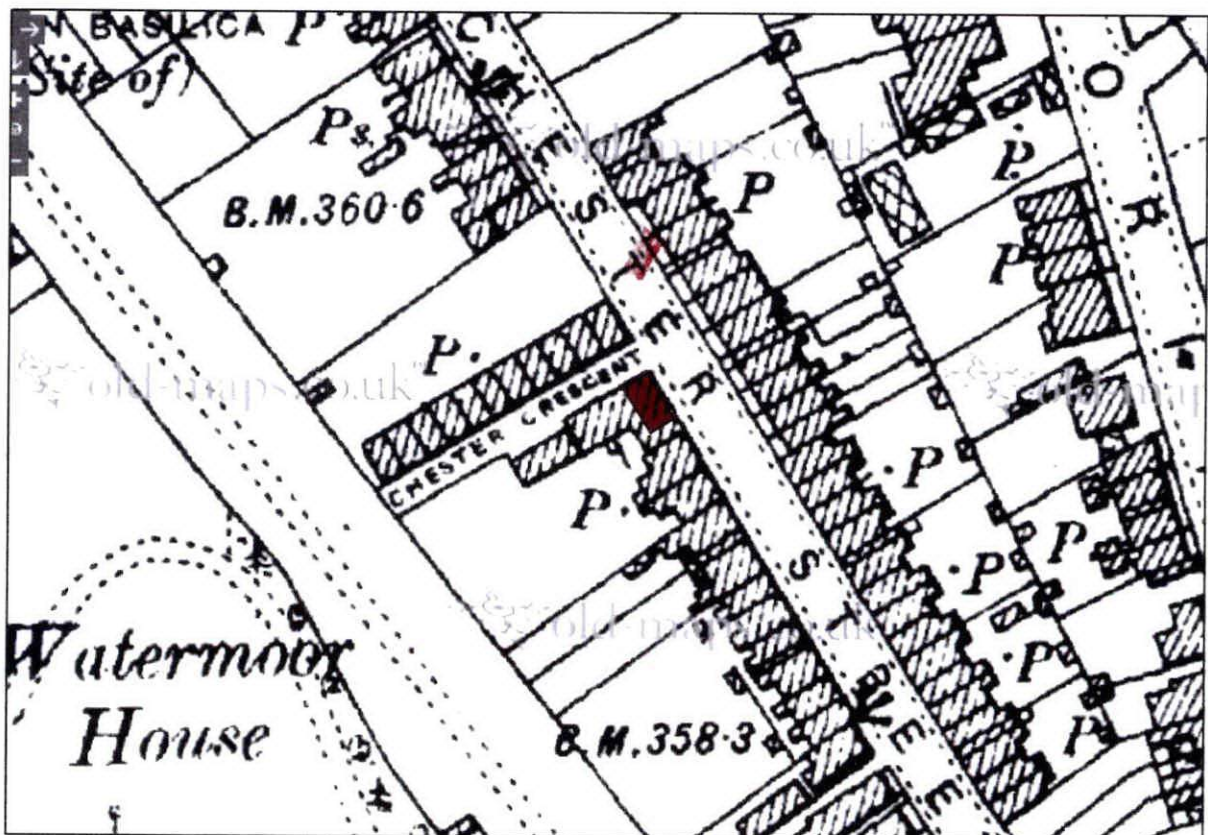




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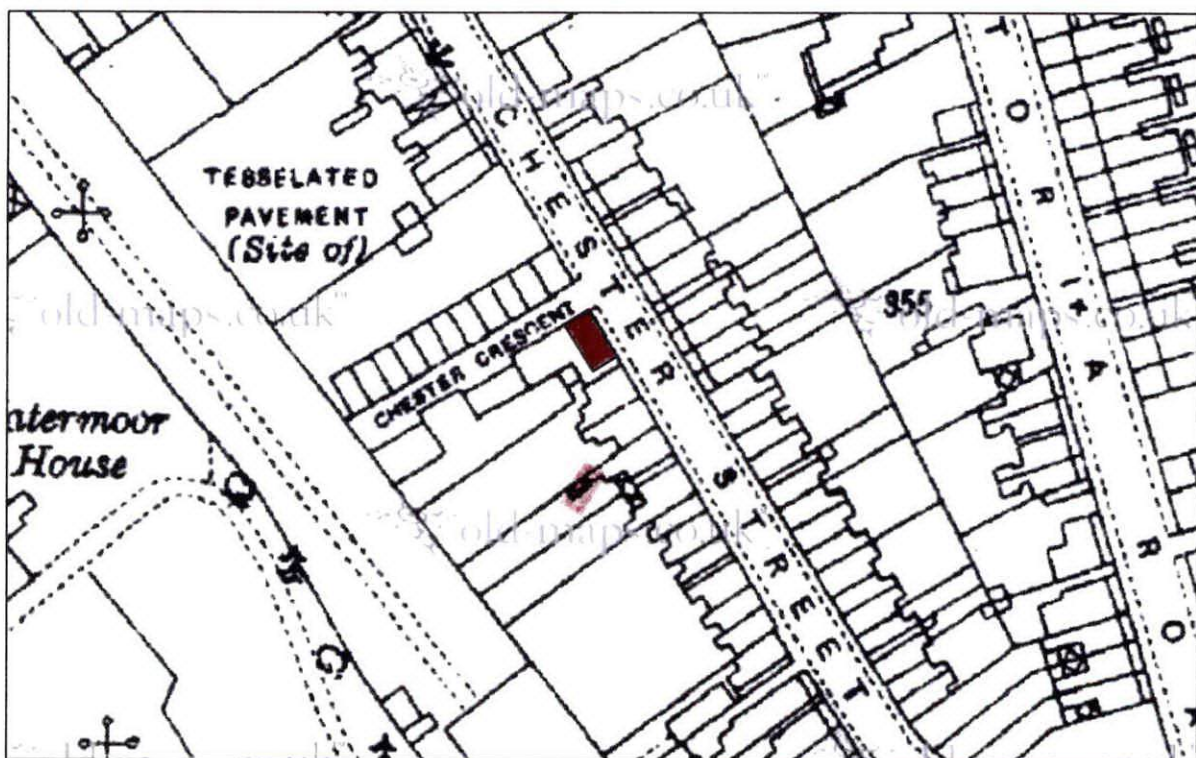
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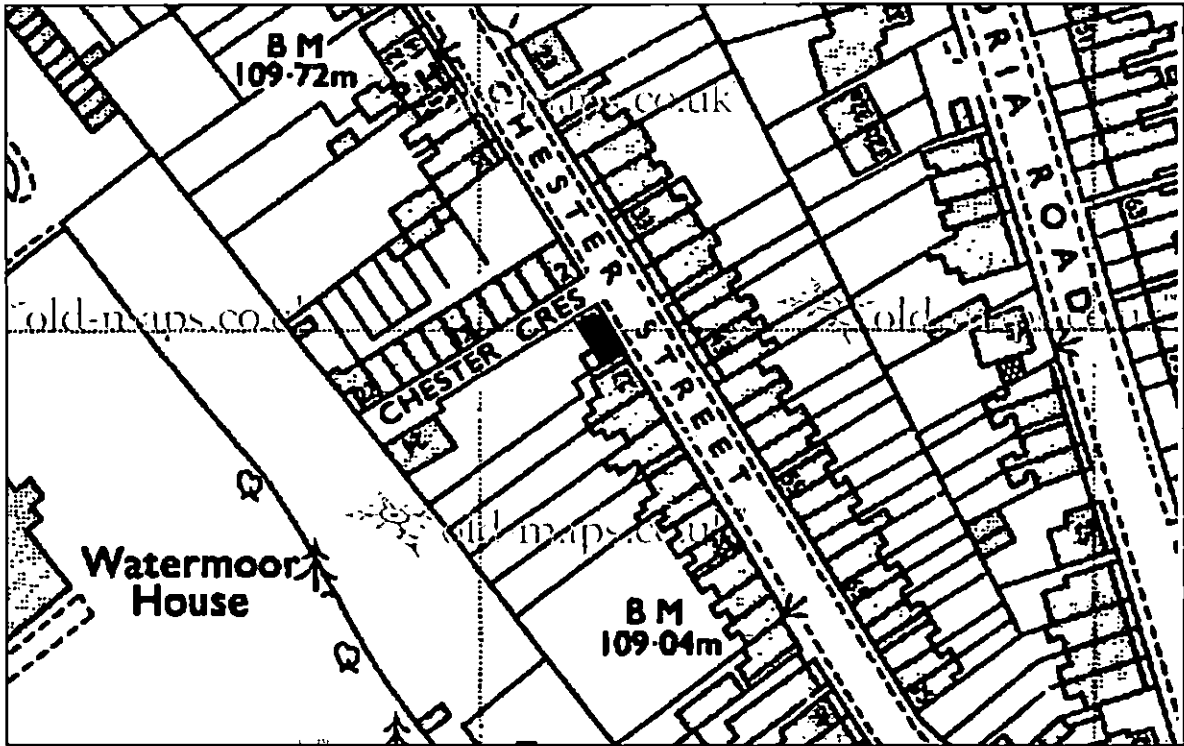
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