

## APPENDIX A

### APPLICATION: MR & MRS LAMBIE, CORNER HOUSE, EAST HENDRED

#### **Details of former Historic Building Grant Scheme**

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 enables local authorities to grant aid the restoration of the historic fabric of listed buildings. The District Council had for a number of years operated a Historic Building Grant Scheme to assist owners in carrying out work that helped to maintain the historic features of their properties. The reasons for the support were: the properties are on public display at all times, many occupying prominent locations at the heart of their village or Conservation Area; these historic buildings contribute to the local distinct character of many of the Vales villages, and are one of the reasons why people visit the District each year; when compared to modern buildings and techniques, works appropriate for historic buildings are often more expensive due to the specialisation involved.

The District Council has a statutory obligation to ensure that historic buildings are maintained in good condition and this grant scheme was one way in which the Council could encourage owners to maintain their properties. Works eligible for grant aid included major structural repairs, major re-pointing, restoration of windows and re-roofing/re-thatching.

#### **Outline of project**

The owners of Corner House, Mr and Mrs Lambie are seeking a grant towards re-roofing the barn within the curtilage of their Grade II listed building. The barn/garage is separate from the house but abuts it; it is adjacent to Allin's Lane. They plan to strip off the tiles, replace the battens and felt and then replace the existing tiles. As can be seen in the photographs that will be shown at the meeting, the roof is in a very poor condition, and there is a danger of tiles falling off into one of the main roads into the village. The work is required to maintain the roof in a watertight condition for the considerable future. The work will also enhance the setting of Corner House, built in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century, which is in close proximity to the barn.

#### **Financial Information**

The total cost of the work has been estimated at £4,500 excluding VAT.

Under the Historic Building Grant Scheme grants were awarded on the basis of 25% of the cost of eligible works up to a maximum of £1,250.

#### **Officer comment (Alison Blyth, Principal Planning Officer, Environmental Policy):**

The application fulfils the criteria adopted by the District Council for the operation of its former Historic Building Grant Scheme: The building is within the curtilage of a listed building, within the village Conservation Area, readily visible from the street, and the owner has lived there for 12 years.