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Island Plan interim review (1)

MN. (3): La Preference, St Martin

Heritage status

During discussion at the Examination in Public at the session for the site of La Preference Cottage, St. Martin (MN.(3): 10.20-10.40 am, 21 January 2014) a query was raised in relation to the heritage status of the adjacent La Preference Children's Home, which is owned by the States of Jersey and administered by Jersey Property Holdings. This could not be answered at the session.

The purpose of this brief note is to clarify the factual position with regard to the heritage status of the site.

The building is Listed because of its architectural and historical interest: it has been assigned a non-statutory Grade 4.

It is considered to be a good example of rural detached mid C19 Gothic villa, retaining some external features.

Details about its heritage interest are available on the States website here:
<https://www.mygov.je/Planning/Pages/HistoricEnvironmentDetail.aspx?s=3&r=MN0150>.

The Listing schedule, setting out the basis and extent of its interest, is attached.

SCHEDULE

La Preference Childrens Home, La Grande Route de St. Martin, St. Martin.

In amplification of the requirement of;

- i) Article 51 Paragraph 3(a) to show in relation to each site included on the List which one or more of the special interests set out in paragraph (2) attaches to the site;
- ii) Article 51 Paragraph 3(b) to describe the site with sufficient particularity to enable it to be easily identified and;
- iii) Article 51 Paragraph 3(d) to specify any activity, referred to in Article 55 Paragraph (1), which may be undertaken on the site without the Minister's permission;

the following supports the Minister for Planning and Environment's view that the site known as **La Preference Childrens Home, La Grande Route de St. Martin in the Parish of St. Martin** is of special interest.

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| i) | HER Reference | MN0150 |
| ii) | Special interest | Architectural
Historical |
| iii) | Statement of Significance | Good example of rural detached mid C19 Gothic villa, retaining some external features. |
| iv) | Description | Detached, 2 storey with attic, 3 bay with central tower. Pitched slate roof with large gable to west bay and smaller gable to east bay, elaborate iron crosses set on cruciform plinths at end of each gable above rendered coping, remains of decorative cresting, small lancet windows in gables with hood mouldings. Front (south) elevation: render in ashlar effect, raised quoins; central octagonal 3 storey entrance tower, replacement door, moulded string courses, cusped lancet window to 1st floor, hood moulding, blind moulded quatrefoil to 2nd |

floor, crenellated parapet. Ground floor: to west canted bay window, replacement; position of east window obscured by modern single storey extension. 1st floor: replacement windows, hood mouldings. Modern extensions to west, east and north. Set behind large lawn above the junction to south, large rendered gate piers; coursed granite rubble wall to road (La Route de St Martin), rendered arched pedestrian doorway, blocked; curving drive around lawn to tower.

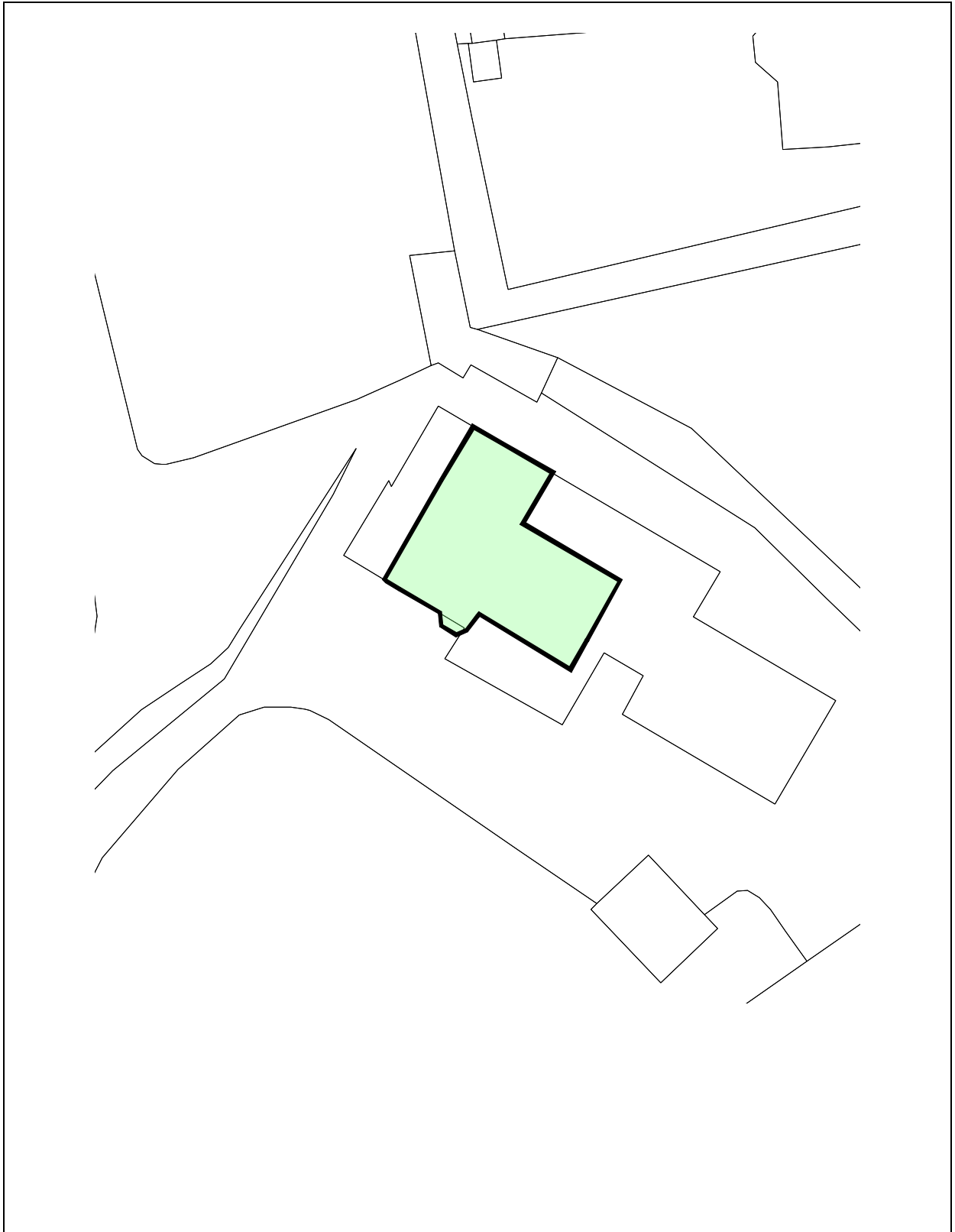
The interior of the property is not of interest. Double fronted, central hallway and staircase, west side double pile, east side single pile. Outer hall, deep skirting, Gothic-headed niche with moulded timber frame in east wall, replacement timber double door with overlight to inner hall. Staircase with moulded strings, elegant mahogany handrail and slender turned balusters (newel gone); painted timber panelling and 4 panelled door (replacement) to cupboard below. 2 round-headed classical niches in walls flanking half landing, moulded surrounds, round-headed arch to west side leading to attic stairs. Hallway with deep skirting, ceiling rose in acanthus leaf relief pattern, 2 four panelled timber doors to west ground floor rooms. No other original features internally as much alteration and subdivision for use as childrens' home.

Mid C19. Run as a children's home since 1953.

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| v) | Location | Plan attached |
| vi) | Restricted activities | <p>The carrying on, of any of the following activities –</p> <p>(a) to carry on an activity which might injure or deface the site or part of a site</p> <p>require the express prior consent of the Minister</p> <p>Informative: the carrying on of any activities to the interior of the property, which do not amount to development, do not require the express consent of the Minister.</p> |
| vii) | Listed Status and Non-statutory Grade | Listed Building Grade 4 |

Plan and Photograph(s) of La Preference Childrens Home, La Grande Route de St. Martin, St. Martin

Plan



Photograph(s)



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