

Heritage Asset Survey

Building Name:		Building Reference Number:		
Outbuildings To North Of Fitzwygram House		LL5044		
Building Address:		Listing Grade:		
Gallwey Road Aldershot Hampshire		I <input type="checkbox"/>	II <input type="checkbox"/>	
Listing Criteria Met (see Box B of the SPD)	B, H, I, K	II* <input type="checkbox"/>	Locally Listed	<input type="checkbox"/> +
Date Locally Listed:	26 th March 2012	Conservation Area:	Yes: +	No:

Vaccine Institute, stables, Forage/shoeing shed set in a loose courtyard plan to the north and north west of Fitzwygram House (please see attached location plan).

Vaccine Institute: long narrow range running east-west to the northern edge of the site. Rectangular plan of two builds. To the east four room; originally a lab, operating room, calves house and boiler house, c1880. Extension to west 1898 - offices or accommodation. Buff brick in Flemish bond to east section and in stretcher bond to west section. Pitch natural slate roof with grey ridge tiles. Single slender brick chimney to ridge at junction and change of roof plane between the two builds. Boarded doors and modern casement windows (later insertions) to east and vertical sliding timber framed sashes (six-over-six) to west.

Small Stable: Smaller of two stable blocks running north-south. c1895. Narrow rectangular plan. Single storey. Buff brick in stretcher bond with pitched natural slate roof with three ridge louvered ridge vents. Four timber boarded doors with corresponding high level windows to each stall. Upvc replacements to original bottom hung casements with glazing bars (as seen to large stable). Apron of stone square section pavements to west side of block.

Large Stable: (closest to Fitzwygram House and forming the eastern edge of the courtyard group. Larger of two stable blocks running north-south. c1880. Single storey. Red brick in English bond, artificial slate roof. Extension to west side appears to be the infilling of a veranda. The addition has eroded the original opening and fenestration configuration. Ten high level bottom hung timber casements have cambered brick arches and are probably original to the building. Modern windows to the extension. There is an apron of stone square section pavements to west side of the block.

Forage/shoeing shed: Probably previously a feed store and possible shoeing shed. Narrow range running east-west along the southern edge of the courtyard group. c1895 and later. In two builds; to the east probably the earlier building in buff brick (English bond) matching the earlier buildings within this group. This section is single storey but with a high barrel roof of profile metal, probably replacing an earlier pitch natural slate roof. The western section c1900 or slightly later is red brick in English bond with a pitch natural slate roof. A high painted plinth unifies these buildings. Carriage doors to a wide opening survive to the red brick range but have been replaced with a metal roller shutter to the buff brick range. All windows are replacement Upvc casements.

Outbuildings to far north-east of site: Long range of possibly small offices or accommodation. Single storey. Red brick with pitched natural slate roof with gables. Decorative red clay ridge tiles. Two small brick chimneys. Timber boarded doors with rectangular fanlights with glazing bars. Windows are vertical sliding sashes, mostly six-over-six. Attractive buff clay paviour apron to west side of building.

Further outbuildings (possibly dressing or disinfecting sheds): both simple almost square plan single storey buildings. Red brick (English and stretcher bond) with natural slate roof. Timber boarded doors with cambered arches to openings. Stone band above chamfered Staffordshire blue brick plinth.

These buildings form an important group with the Grade II listed Fitzwygram House. The survival of this Victorian Veterinary Training School in a military context may be unique and therefore of very high local and possibly national significance.

Condition Survey: 1 – 5 (for all buildings in the group)

1 Very Bad
 2 Poor
 3 Fair
 4 Good
 5 Excellent

Roof	3	Walls	4
Weather Penetration	4	Stability	4
Spread	4	Plumb	4
Sag	4	Local Building Cracking	4
Covering	3	Pointing	4
Abutments	3	Roofspread	4
Weathering Detail (Valleys etc.)	3	Spalling	4

Flashing	3	EV. Rising Damp	4
Rain Water Goods	3	Settlement	4
Chimneys	4	Lintels	4
Other Features	3	Timber Frame	n/a
Windows / Doors	3	Nogging	n/a
Front Principal Windows	3	Post Joints	n/a
Other Windows	3	Masonry	n/a
Doors and Surroundings	3	Stucco / Render-Plaster	n/a
Boundary Walls or Gates	n/a	Outbuildings	n/a

Historical Context:

Most of the buildings in this group date from two periods - an early Vet school on the site from around the 1870s and the later much expansion and reorganisation of the school around the turn of the last century (Fitzwygram House was built in 1899). It is remarkable (and probably one of the main reasons for their survival) that almost all the buildings on the site are in use and some have not changed use since inception. Despite some changes (notably Upvc windows) the group is remarkably intact and still reads as a contained group of functional buildings set around a loose courtyard with Fitzwygram House retaining its dominance as the principal building.

Historic background note:

The Army Veterinary Service was founded in 1796 in response to public outrage at the number of horses lost to poor farriery and ignorance. Initially, graduates were recruited from the London Veterinary College, founded in 1791, and fell under the authority of the colonel of the regiment they joined. It was not until 1880 that veterinary officers were brought under the direction of the newly formed Army Veterinary Department. In the same year the Army Veterinary School in Aldershot was founded: the event is commemorated on a wooden plaque in the entrance hall of Fitzwygram House which reads "This school was founded through the representations of James Collins esq, Principal Veterinary Surgeon to the forces and Major General Sir Frederick Fitzwygram, Bart FRCVS commanding the Cavalry Brigade, Aldershot, 1st June 1880". Major General Fitzwygram was a published authority on farriery and the care of horses. Fitzwygram House was purpose built, designed with laboratories, library and teaching and demonstration rooms. Its realisation paralleled developments at what was by then the Royal Veterinary College, built on the present day site of the college's Camden Town Campus, which during the same period, the 1890s, transformed itself from an infirmary into a research and teaching establishment with lecture and dissecting rooms. However, little of the original fabric of the Royal Veterinary College on Royal College Street, Camden, survives, having been largely rebuilt in the mid 1930s. The buildings

associated with the Army Veterinary School seem to fall into two phases of construction. Fitzwygram House itself post-dates the four ancillary buildings which provided stabling and storage, the earliest of which are identified as 'Infirmiry Stables' on the 1874 OS map. These are shown set within a trapezoidal enclosure, and are on a different alignment to Fitzwygram House, which was completed by December 1899. Both Fitzwygram House and the calf/cattle stalls on the same alignment can be seen on the 1911 OS map.

For this reason, this group has very high evidential and historic value and some aesthetic value although some alterations have impacted on the original design of these outbuildings.

Ownership Type (please tick the appropriate box below):

Private	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious / Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stat Undertakers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Photographs

Date Taken: 24/09/2010

Any Further Comments:

Overhanging vegetation resulting in potential for rainwater goods to become clogged with leaves

Surveyor: JW

Date: 22/09/2010

Follow-on page for LL5044: Vaccine Institute, stables, Forage/shoeing shed and outbuildings to north and north-west of Fitzwygram House

Location plan for buildings (named) which make up this group:

