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Captain J.O. Wigg, R.N.
Sussex Archaeological Society
Barbican House
Lewes
East Sussex
BN7 1YE

3rd February 1978

Dear Captain Wigg

I would be grateful if you would refer back to your letter of the 22nd September, 1977, about Oldland Mill.

We have nothing more in writing from you about our desire to lease the Mill, so that the Association can restore it and we have an Annual General Meeting coming up in the very near future.

The effect of the arrangements made with Mr. Hawkings-Byass have been to bring to a halt all of the activities of our Restoration Sub-Committee, which consists of : Messrs. Sale, F.W. Gregory, Hawkings-Byass and myself, Since Mr. Byass considered that the matter must await on events and because he was reluctant to commit his successors. As a result of this, all the preliminary efforts and the momentum gained by the Association have been frustrated. I gather from John Farrant that Col. Wilby-Jones had indicated to Leslie Fisher that our enthusiasm was evaporating. Let me say that this is a somewhat misleading metaphor. In a sense it would be better to say that we are right out of the picture. The enthusiasm of our Association has been considerable and our difficulty has been contacting Mr. Byass, who for a long period during summer was incommunicado in Iberia. We only managed to get in touch with him after your letter of the 22nd September, had been received and in the light of those negotiations we found ourselves unable to do anything at all.

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Up to that point we had made careful survey of the Mill and a detailed architectural scrutiny of every timber followed by a plan of action for orderly re-construction. We even had made arrangements for the supply of timber, local labour and fund raising, and our Association had allocated funds to prime the pump. Perhaps I should add that Mr. Byass was friendly disposed to the Association's plans but the renewal of his lease and the intention to sell to him have in effect put us on ice and the next move now seems to lie with him, not us.

Would it still be possible for your Society to lease or sell the Mill to us and if so, when ?

As I think you know we are quite happy to accept responsibility for the restoration, but there is no way we can tackle it as things stand.

Yours sincerely,

T.W. Gee
Hon. Secretary.

Sussex Archaeological Society

Tel.: Lewes 4379

Registered Office:

Barbican House,

Lewes,

East Sussex. BN7 1YE

8th February 1978

T. W. Gee, Esq., O.B.E.,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer,
HASSOCKS, West Sussex.

Dear Mr. Gee,

Oldland Mill

Thank you for your letter of 3rd February.

I am sorry to say that, from your point of view, I cannot be of much help. Our Solicitor is still in the process of carrying out a search into the possibility of there being any person having the benefit of certain covenants contained in the Conveyance to the Society should the Society decide to part with the Mill.

I do appreciate your concern that it will be difficult to generate the enthusiasm that you once had in your association and I am sorry that you feel that all your hard work so far has been in vain. I would point out however that we have done nothing to change our original stipulation, which was that Mr. Hawkings-Byass should be in full agreement with anything you proposed to do. On the face of it, the fact that he was on your restoration sub-committee and wanted to buy the Mill would have suggested to me that he was helping the Amenity Association - presumably, since he is on the restoration sub-committee he is not against its restoration. As you say, when we have sorted out our side, the initiative will be with him and not yourselves. I rather think that this is quite fair considering the Mill is virtually part of his garden.

As soon as I know anything more I will be in touch. I am sorry I cannot give you any hopeful news for your Annual General Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

J. O. Wigg

Hassocks Field Society
"Watts report" Oldland Mill
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25th February, 1978

Dear Miss Moor,

Thank you so much for sending the papers on Oldland Mill so promptly.

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, as they say, our plans for Oldland Mill are shelved for the time being. I am returning Mr. Watts' report and his letter to Mrs. McEwan. When we are able to proceed, and may need to look at this again, I hope we may borrow it. It is actually more or less a duplicate of the report done for us by Mr. Gregory.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Asst. Secretary

Miss M. F. Moor,
4, Yew Trees,
Mill Road, Burgess Hill.
Sussex. RH15 8DU

27th February, 1978

Dear Mr. Hawkings-Byass,

As we must report to our members at the AGM on 8th April the Committee would like to ascertain progress.

It remains concerned to see the Mill restored and preserved, and wonders whether it can collaborate with you in some way over this matter. A plan of action has been proposed, and as you know there is some urgency about basic work.

Do you feel able to say more than when we talked about this last September?

Yours sincerely,

T. W. Gee
(Hon. Secretary)

G. W. Hawkings-Byass, Esq.,
Oldland Mill House,
Keymer, Sussex BN6 8ND

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OLDLAND MILL HOUSE,
KEYMER,
SUSSEX BN6 8ND

6th March, 1978

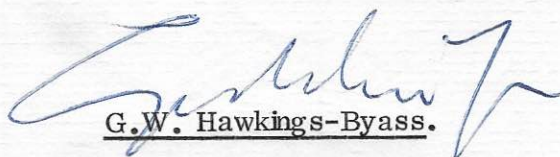
Dear Mr. Gee,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 27th
February in which you make enquiries as to the Mill.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Freehold are
now in progress and meanwhile my lease has been extended.
Until I have more news in this respect I do not think that there
can be any object in pursuing this matter further.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



G.W. Hawkins-Byass.

T.W. Gee, O.B.E.,
Hon. Secretary,
The Hassocks Amenity Association,
12, The Crescent,
Keymer, Sussex.

23rd April, 1978

Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.,
Sussex Archaeological Society,
Barbican House,
Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 1YE

Dear Captain Wigg,

In my letter of 3rd February (see the penultimate paragraph) I asked whether it would be possible for your Society to lease or sell the Mill to us, and if so when. Your reply of 8th February does not deal with this enquiry.

We really are concerned that the Mill shall not fall down for the want of a responsible lease or free-holder. We have written once again to try and obtain a clear earnest of Mr. Hawkings-Byass' future intentions. Is there no way that a solution can be found that will enable us to get ahead with the essential repairs?

Yours sincerely,

T. W. Gee
(Hon. Secretary)

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P, Sandwell, 4, The Crescent, Keymer

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23rd April, 1978

Dear Mr. Hawkins-Bypass,

Thank you for your letter of 6th March about Oldland Mill.

Members of our Association are really quite concerned about the delay over repair and restoration, and would like some assurance from you, assuming you acquire the lease or the freehold. They would like to feel that there is some way of cooperating over keeping it going.

Yours sincerely,

F. W. Gee
(Hon. Secretary)

G. W. Hawkins-Bypass, Esq.,
Oldland Mill House,
Keymer, Sussex BN6 8ND.

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1st June, 1978

Dear Mr. Hawkings-Byass,

Is it possible, please, for you to
reply now to my letter of 23rd April?

My Committee have requested me to
write to you again.

We are anxious to cooperate.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. Gee
(Hon. Secretary)

1st June, 1978

Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.,
Sussex Archaeological Society,
Barbican House,
Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 1YE.

Dear Captain Wigg,

Is it possible for you now to reply
to my letter of 23rd April, please?

My Committee has requested me to write
to you again.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. Gee
(Hon. Secretary)

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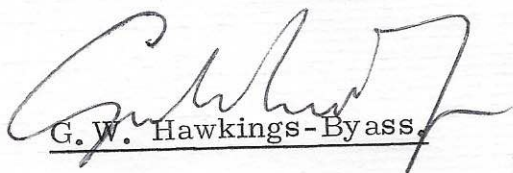
5th June, 1978

Dear Mr. Gee,

Thank you very much for your letter of 1st June, and I was talking to my Solicitors only last week who informed me that the Sussex Archeological Trust are still seeking advice as to whether they can sell the Freehold of Oldland Mill since there are a number of restrictive covenants which they are in the process of clarifying. For this reason I am not able to give you further information until I have more news from them.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



G. W. Hawkings-Byass.

T. W. Gee, O. B. E.,
The Hassocks Amenity Association,
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Keymer,
Sussex.

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13th June 1978

T. W. Gee, Esq., O.B.E.,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer,
HAS SOCKS, West Sussex.

Dear Mr. Gee,

Oldland Mill

Thank you for your letter of 1st June. I am sorry that you felt that my letter of 8th February did not deal with your enquiry.

In theory, the situation is very clear. If we want to dispose of (in any way) any of our properties, we must obtain the permission of the Charities Commission. The preliminary work and investigations take a long time and I am afraid we still cannot give you any firm information about the future of the Mill.

Perhaps if you and Mr. Hawkins-Byass came up with a joint proposal we might be able to drop any idea of selling. This would save time but, as I have said before, Mr. Hawkins-Byass must be in full agreement with your proposals.

Yours sincerely,

J. O. Wigg

Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.
Secretary

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24th July, 1978

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The District Planning Officer,
Mid-Sussex District Council,
38, Boltro Road,
Haywards Heath,
West Sussex, RH16 1LP.

Dear Mr. Hanford,

Oldland Mill

As you will be aware, this Association
is anxious to assist in the preservation of this Mill.

Negotiations with the Sussex Archaeological
Society who own the Mill, and with Mr. Hawkings-Byass
the owner of Oldland Mill House, are proving to be very
protracted and we are unable to make any progress at
present. Meanwhile of course deterioration of the Mill
continues, and my Committee has asked me to enquire
from you if there is any way in which your Council can
help to arrest this?

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Planning Officer

38, Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex. RH16 1LP
 Telephone Haywards Heath (0444) 58166 Ext.

Denis A. L. Hanford, RIBA, MRTPI.

Please ask for,

Mr. Hatton

Our ref.,

WJHH/SJM
 C.41.2

Your ref.,

28th July 1978

✓ T.W. Gee, Esq., OBE.,
 Hon. Secretary
 Hassocks Amenity Association
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Dear Mr. Gee,

OLDLAND MILL.

Thank you for your letter of the 24th July regarding the above.

Although Oldland Mill is a building of local interest and was formerly classified as Grade III, it was not included in the statutory list and is not, therefore, a listed building upon which the Council could use its statutory powers to attempt to achieve the repair and/or renovation.

The question of the deterioration of Oldland Mill may, however, be of interest to the Amenities and Estates Committee of the Council and I will therefore pass a copy of your letter to Mr. A.D. Chamberlain, the District Engineer, and ask him whether it might be possible to assist your Association in any way.

With regard to the fact that the building is not included on the statutory list, it is always open to you to write to the Secretary of State to ask him to give consideration to the listing of the building.

Yours sincerely

DAL Hanford
 District Planning Officer

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MID. SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Engineer

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35 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex. RH16 1LG

A. D. Chamberlain, CEng, MICE.

Telephone 412572

Ext. 26

Please ask for,

Our ref.,

Your ref.,

Mr. Chamberlain ADC/VK
C10/3/1

14th August, 1978.

T.W. Gee, Esq., OBE
Honorary Secretary,
The Hassocks Amenity Association,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer,
West Sussex.

Dear Mr. Gee,

OLDLAND MILL

Mr. Hanford has passed your letter of the 24th July to me with the observation that as Oldland Mill is not a Listed Building there is no statutory power which enables him to serve notice requiring the owners to carry out any works on the building. Knowing however, that I am concerned with the moves currently being made to form a Preservation Society for Jack and Jill Mills and to restore Jill Mill to working order, he let me have sight of your letter.

There is nothing which this Council can do officially since Oldland Mill, unlike Jack and Hill, is not in the ownership of the Authority. However, I will make informal enquiries of others who may be interested to see if any suggestions present themselves.

Meanwhile you may be interested in having a copy of a report which was prepared some time ago on Jack and Jill Mills and which has formed the basis of the efforts which are now being made to form a Preservation Society. We have a Steering Committee in existence and have made arrangements to hold a Public Meeting in Windmill School, Hassocks, on September 29th at 8 p.m. with a view to forming the Preservation Society and launching a Public Appeal. I did write to the Secretaries of all Conservation and Preservation Societies appearing in the Mid Sussex Directory advising them of this but unfortunately the name of your Association did not appear in that section. I am therefore taking this opportunity of telling you about it in the hope that you will advise your Members and that many of them will be encouraged to come along to the meeting to support us.

Yours sincerely,


District Engineer

31st August, 1978

District Planning Officer,
38, Boltro Road,
Haywards Heath,
Sussex RH16 1LP

Dear Mr. Hanford,

Oldland Mill

I refer to your letter WJHH/SJM C.41.2
of 28th July.

My committee has asked me to enquire when,
and why, Oldland Mill was removed from the statutory
list and is no longer classified as Grade III, as
stated in your letter.

Can you explain please?

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
Hon. Secretary

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P. Sandwell, 4, The Crescent, Keymer.

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Please ask for,

Our ref.,

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Mr. Hatton

WJHH/LH
C.41.2

6th September, 1978

T.W. Gee Esq. O.B.E.,
Hon. Secretary,
The Hassocks Amenity Association,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer,
Sussex.

Dear Mr. Gee,

OLDLAND MILL.

Thank you for your letter of 31st August 1978 regarding the above.

When the Cuckfield R.D.C. area was originally surveyed there were three grades of listed buildings, Grade I, II and III. The use of the Grade III classification was dropped, however, in 1970. The Cuckfield Rural District Council has not yet been re-surveyed but the Grade III classification no longer confers listed building status. Buildings which were formerly listed Grade III are now generally referred to as being on the local list, that is to say, they are buildings of special interest which are not on the Statutory list. If such a building is felt to be threatened the normal practice is to request the Department of the Environment to consider its inclusion on the statutory list.

This matter is referred to at the bottom of Appendix I of Circular 23/77 Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas (Policy and Procedure) dated 16th March 1977, where it is stated that lists compiled before 1970 will include a further category Grade III but this grading is no longer used.

When the area is re-surveyed it may well be that Oldlands Mill could be included in the Statutory list as Grade II. As I said in my letter of 28th July there is no reason why you should not write to the Secretary of State and ask that Oldlands Mill be placed on the statutory list in advance of the re-survey of the area.

Yours sincerely,

DAU Hanford
District Planning Officer

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31, Wilmington Close,
Hassocks,
West Sussex BN6 8QB,
10 September 1978

Asst Secretary,
Hassocks Amenity Association.

Dear Barry _____

I am a member of the Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society and yesterday was taken round Jack and Jill with the help of explanations from the famous windmill repairer, Mr Hole of Burgess Hill.

I had already noted that even Jill, which I was able to climb to the top floor, was in a much better state of repair than Oldland. Mr Hole volunteered the information that Oldland would collapse if essential repairs were not done soon.

I know very well Mr Allnut, the West Sussex Secretary of the Society, and he knows of our dissatisfaction with the Sussex Archaeological Society over Oldland. I also met Mr H.W. Nightingale of Downshaw, Swanborough, Nr Lewes, Sussex BN7 3PE (Tel. Lewes 2728) who is a member of both Societies, like Mr Allnut. Both are willing to raise the matter of the condition of Oldland at the Annual Meeting of the Sussex Archaeological Society which will be held shortly → I think at Stafford House. They know we have been in negotiation with them for over two years and that at our AGM 1½ yrs ago we were authorised to take it over - they know we seem to be getting nowhere with Capt Wigg and Mr Allnut was not surprised. In the meantime the Oldland Mill condition deteriorates and that this does not appear to give the Society or its Secretary any concern may be linked with the wish of their Chairman of about three years ago, at a site meeting at Oldland, to pull it down and use parts elsewhere - which I told him he could not do as it was a listed building.

If you wish to give either or both any information which could be used to shatter Capt Wigg's complacency or indifference when used at the AGM perhaps you would do so. Mr A.G. Allnutt lives at 23, Beech Avenue, Chichester, PO19 3DR. I understand there is a move to get the Arch. Soc. to be less of a East Sussex Society and to take more interest in West Sussex. I do not think action should be deferred until Tommy returns from Malawi but perhaps Austen would advise you as to what to do. Mr Allnutt is well-known to me whilst I am sure that Mr Nightingale would be a usefully ally and I do not think that either would stand for any brush-off from Capt Wigg (R.N.)

I also met various other officers including the Central Sussex Secretary, Mr J.S.F. Blackwell of 21, Hythe Road, Brighton.

Best Wishes,

Granville
GRANVILLE SHARP

Oldland Mill

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Sx Incl. Arch Soc.

15th September, 1978

A. G. Allmott, Esq.,
23, Beech Avenue,
Chichester, West Sussex PO19 3DR.

Dear Mr. Allmott,

I am writing to you following a conversation with Mr. Granville Sharp about Oldland Mill, Keymer.

As you may know, this Association has been negotiating with the Sussex Archaeology Society since April 1976 with a view to setting up a trust, or taking over the lease of the Mill, in order to carry out some repair and preservation work. We obtained authorisation from members at our AGM eighteen months ago to go ahead with efforts to raise money, help and materials. We later obtained promises of help and offers of necessary timber, etc. Unfortunately we have not been able to make any real progress as the Sussex Archaeology Society say they are still negotiating with Mr. Hawkings-Byass, who rents the land on which the Mill stands. Mr. Hawkings-Byass spends a considerable time in Spain on business every year, which makes dealing with him difficult, although he is a member of and a good friend to this Association. At the outset he was very much in favour of our intention to try to preserve the Mill.

We are very concerned at the delay and obvious further deterioration of the Mill, and feel that unless something is done very soon it may collapse altogether. If you feel you may be able to speed up negotiations by raising the matter at the next meeting of the Sussex Archaeology Society, of which I understand you are a member, we shall of course be grateful. Mr. Gee, our Secretary, is at present in Africa until mid October, and Mr. Albu, our Chairman is also abroad. Both are very keen on this enterprise and disappointed at all the delay.

Yours sincerely,

Asst. Hon. Secretary

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P. Sandwell. 4. The Crescent. Keymer

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Tommy,
I have reflected and heard
off friends and you would be in some
about 10/8

30 September 1978

Major A. F. PHILIPSON, MBE

LIMBERLOST.

DITCHLING

SUSSEX.

Dear Austin Albu, I have now had
time to read thoroughly your excellent
Newsletter of May '78.

The cutting of the old trees was, to
my mind, even less disastrous than
the fact that the new buildings were
allowed to come so near the road
thus completely destroying the whole
character of the road.

Whose planning authority is
responsible for this "vandalism"?

(Destruction of Beauty)

Oldland Mill.

As you may know, although I live in Ditchling I am the owner of Oldland, Keymer which I have sought to preserve and protect over the years.

Mr Geoffrey Hawkins Byers and I are trying to combine to find some solution to the problem of preserving the Windmill.

I understood that at one time the Amenity Association had a Committee on this? Perhaps they would like to contact me.

Yours sincerely Tony Thrippa

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Major A. T. Philipson, M.B.E.,
Limberlost,
Ditchling, E. Sussex.

You wrote to Mr. Albu on 30th September and he asked me to ring you both about the Kymer House development and also Oldland Mill. On the former we are pursuing the matter with the District Council, and I hope we shall be able to get to the bottom of it. Following our Committee meeting on 27th October, it was decided that Mr. Albu would write to the Chairman of the Mid-Sussex District Council and press for an enquiry. This we have done.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

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31, Wilmington Close,
Hassocks,
West Sussex BN6 8QB,
9 November 1978

The Secretary,
Hassocks Amenity Association.

Dear Tommy

I do not want to nag about Oldland Windmill and its dubious fate in the trust of the Sussex Archaeological Society. However, as they have recently sold much of the land associated with Legh Manor for £99,000 are they contemplating spending some of this on helping to restore Oldland Windmill?

In a newspaper report Captain Jack Wigg said that some of the proceeds would be used to help to maintain properties owned by the Society in various parts of the County. Why should Oldland Windmill be allowed to deteriorate still further? If Captain Wigg is the dominant figure in the Society and seems to have gone out of his way to give the brush-off in the past to help offered by the Hassocks Amenity Association, it may be useless to approach him again. However I think the claims for Oldland Windmill repairs to have some share of the new cash in the Trust's till should be publicised. Perhaps Captain Wigg may now be in a more generous and responsive mood.

Best Wishes,

Granville

GRANVILLE SHARP

Oldland Mill 65

1st November, 1978

The Secretary of State for the Environment,
Department of the Environment,
2, Marsham Street,
London, S.W.1P 3EB.

Dear Sir,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

This Association is concerned at the progressive deterioration of this Mill, formerly classified as a Grade III building. We have been negotiating with the owners (the Sussex Archaeological Society) with a view to accepting responsibility for its maintenance, taking it over if possible. However, the present tenant wishes to purchase it, so the matter is in suspense.

We would like to try and have the building listed. Can this please be given consideration?

Yours faithfully,

^{T W GEE}
(Hon Secretary)

Oldland Mill 66



Department of the Environment
Room 113 25 Savile Row London W1X 2BT

Telephone 01-734 6010 ext 672

The Honorary Secretary
The Hassocks Amenity Association
12, The Crescent
KEYMER
Sussex

Your reference

Our reference

HB/5405/274/1

Date

13 November 1978

Dear Sir

BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST
OLDLAND MILL, KEYMER

Thank you for your letter of 1 November drawing our attention to the above-named property, and asking us to consider it for inclusion in the Statutory List.

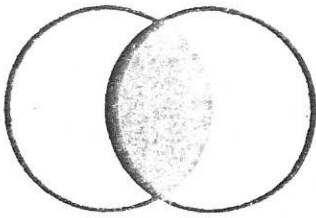
However, on checking through our records, we find that a building known as Oldland Windmill is included in the list for the former rural district of Cuckfield and we think that this may be the building you have in mind.

You may, of course, be referring to the building shown as Oldland Mill House in grade III in the Provisional list for the area, and in view of your comments regarding deterioration I should explain that because listing of itself does not halt the process of decay or oblige the owner to do anything, it is not automatically regarded as a 'threat' to a building sufficient to warrant immediate consideration for listing. On the other hand, if the District Council were prepared to invoke their repairs powers (in the event of the building being listed) we would be prepared to make an urgent assessment. Old Windmill House will in any case be looked at when the area is re-surveyed on up-to-date standards of listing, and we hope to be able to make this re-survey in the not too-distant future.

I am enclosing for your information a pamphlet which explains the effect of listing.

Yours faithfully

E M BROCK (Lurk)



THE HASSOCKS AMENITY ASSOCIATION
 Joint Parishes of Clayton and Keymer, Sussex

"to preserve and improve the amenities of the Parishes of Clayton and Keymer"

Oldland mill

HB/5405/274/1

dated 13.11.78

Dear Mrs Brock.

Yes, it is Oldland mill, not the
 house, but we would like you
 to list. The matter is one of
 some urgency. It is 300 years
 old, and a part will of special
 interest. Every effort is needed
 to preserve it. It shall be in
 Grade II. Can you so arrange?

Yours sincerely

T. W. Gee.

Chairman: Austen Albu, 17 The Crescent, Keymer.

Hon. Secretary: T. W. Gee, O.B.E., 12 The Crescent, Keymer.

Hon. Asst. Secretary: Mrs Barry McCulloch, 2 The Crescent, Keymer.

Hon. Treasurer: ~~C. D. C. Bowman, 18 Beaconhurst, Keymer.~~

P. Sandwell, 4 The Crescent, Keymer

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13th November, 1978
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Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.,
Sussex Archaeological Society,
Barbican House,
Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1YE.

Dear Captain Wigg,

We see from the Mid-Sussex Times that the Sussex Archaeological Society has recently sold land with a view to maintaining its properties. Is there any prospect of Oldland Mill benefiting from this transaction?

May I take this opportunity of enquiring whether the situation about the Mill has been clarified, and more especially the possibility of your Society vesting responsibility for it with this Association?

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)



**SUSSEX INDUSTRIAL
ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY**

Oldland Mill (9)

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Chairman W. R. Beswick MInstF MI & SInst, Turners House, Turners Green, Heathfield

Hon. Secretary A. J. Haselfoot MA CEng FIEE, Albion House, Cobourg Place, Hastings TN34 3HY Tel. 436260 (0424)

Hon. Treasurer G. P. Burstow FSA, 6 Walpole Terrace, Brighton BN2 2EB Tel. 63856

M. Bevan

From

West Sussex Secretary
23 Beech Avenue
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PO19 3DR

17 Nov

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Oldland Mill

Dear Mr McCulloch

Thank you for your letter of 15 Sept,
I'm sorry to have been so long in replying,
but I am having extreme difficulty in
getting definite information out of the Sussex
Archaeological Society.

I tackled the Chairman Dr
Kathleen Murray, and she referred me to
Mr Ken Suckling who asked me to write
to the Secretary. This I did over a month
ago but have had no reply. I have now
tackled the Chairman again and she said
that there had been discussions & she

understands that difficulties have arisen
between your Association & the land owner
Mr Harkings - Byass. She added that the
Archaeological Society are trying to find a
way to resolve the difficulties.

I will hasten them in writing
and of course let you know when I get
any more information.

Yours sincerely

Alan G Allnutt

West Essex Secretary

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Planning Officer

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Please ask for,
Mr. Lankester

Our ref.,
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Your ref.,

12th December, 1978

Mr. T.W. Gee,
Hassocks Amenity Society,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer,
Hassocks.

Dear Sir/~~Madam~~,

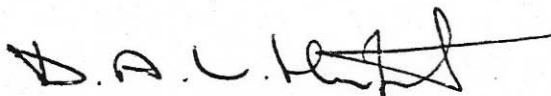
LOCAL AUTHORITIES (HISTORIC BUILDINGS) ACT 1962.
GRANT SCHEME OPERATED BY MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act 1962 enables County and District Councils to offer financial assistance in the form of grants or loans to owners of architecturally or historically important buildings which are in need of repair. The County Council have been making grants for some years now but until recently Mid Sussex District Council has not operated a scheme. Earlier this year, the Council decided to make a small sum available for this purpose. Application forms and an explanatory leaflet are now available from the Planning Department. I enclose copies of these for your information. I should add however that whether or not these facilities are available next year has not yet been decided.

The scheme is entirely discretionary and no building, however important, has any automatic entitlement to a grant. The grants are intended to help owners carry out repairs which are structural in nature; routine maintenance work or modernisation will not qualify for assistance. Every application will be considered on its merits, but buildings which are included on the statutory list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest, especially if they are situated within a Conservation Area, are likely to receive the highest priority when it comes to the distribution of very scarce resources.

I should be grateful if you could let your members know of the existence of this scheme and pass the information on to any owners of important buildings who may be known to have repair problems and who might benefit from this scheme. Anyone who is interested should be advised to contact me or a member of my staff who will be pleased to discuss details of the scheme.

Yours faithfully,



District Planning Officer

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Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act 1962

— APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID —

Address of property in respect
of which grant aid is required

Applicant: Name
Address

Tel. No.

Architect or Name
Agent acting Address
for applicant:

Tel. No.

Nature of applicant's interest
in the property, e.g. owner,
lessee, prospective purchaser etc.
Date of acquisition:

Owner if Name
different from Address
applicant:
Date of acquisition:

Description of repair works

Names of contractors who have estimated for the work (at least two are required)

Are you able to meet the total cost of the works?

Has an application been made to any other Authority
or body for a grant? If so, specify Authority and
amount of grant made or offered.
State if any work has been commenced.

Has consent for any proposed
alterations been granted under:

(a) The Town and Country
Planning Acts

(b) The Building Regulations

If yes
give details

(a)

(b)

Are you willing to consider allowing limited public access by appointment should this
be thought desirable?

If there are any special features or historical facts known to you which you consider
relevant to this application please attach details.

N.B. A Location Plan, specifications and estimates
for the work proposed and any drawings (2 copies)
must be attached

Signed

Date

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act 1962

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON A SCHEME FOR THE PAYMENT OF GRANTS TOWARDS THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

1. This Act empowers County Councils and District Councils to offer financial assistance in the form of grants or loans towards the cost of repairing buildings which are of architectural or historic interest. This financial assistance is provided entirely at the discretion of the County or District Councils and the inclusion of a building on the statutory list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest does not imply automatic entitlement to assistance.
2. Only works for the structural repair of buildings are eligible for assistance under this scheme. Routine maintenance, general improvements and modernisation are excluded, but the latter may be eligible for House Improvement Grants under the Housing Acts, details of which can be obtained from the District Health and Housing Officer.
3. The amount of any grant which may be offered will depend upon a number of factors, including the siting of the building, whether it is in a Conservation Area, its architectural or historic merit and the availability of funds. Applicants are advised to discuss any proposal with the District Planning Officer before submitting a formal application.
4. Section 1 of the Act enables the Council to require a person receiving a grant to enter into an agreement giving a public right of access to the property, or part of the property, at such times as may be agreed. Such an agreement will only be sought in exceptional circumstances.
5. Applicants are reminded that if the works proposed involve any alterations to the property, Building Regulations must be complied with and where the work affects the character of a Listed Building, consent must be obtained from the District Council before any works are commenced or an application made for grant aid.

23rd December, 1978

Dr. K. M. E. Murray,
Chairman, Sussex Archaeological Society,
Upper Cranmore,
Heyshott, Midhurst,
West Sussex.

Dear Dr. Murray,

As you are aware from the West Sussex Secretary of the Sussex Industrial Archaeological Society, our Association has been in correspondence and discussion with the officers of the Sussex Archaeological Society over a period of time, seeking to find some way of assuming responsibility for the restoration of Oldland Mill. One way of tackling this that has been discussed would be for the property to be transferred to us. We set up a sub-committee to organise the job, but one member Mr. Mr. Hawkings-Byass - is reluctant to go ahead because he himself wishes to take over the Mill.

Our Association has a detailed plan, the capacity and the determination to tackle the restoration. It rests with your Society whether it wishes to harness all this and save the Mill. The matter becomes more urgent as time passes, and we would like a clear decision on the matter. Perhaps you can help to get things moving?

Yours sincerely,

AUSTEN ALBU
(Chairman)