To: **Head of Development Control**

FAO: **Gary Osmond**

From: **Planning Policy and Design Section (Regeneration and Planning Policy Unit)**

Date:

Register No: 1479 **Application Ref:** F/12/71694

Application Address:

Stoneham Rectory, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 9NW.

Application Summary:

Construction of new freestanding data centre within existing car park and reconfiguration of car parking spaces.

Policy Officer: Vashti Gooding

Comments: See previous response at record 1246

Design Officer: Tim J S Dyer

Comments:

1. On the basis that there is no other accommodation available on the site and one would not want to see this function within the listed building, this is a low profile solution to their problem. Setting it into the ground so deep in a wet situation will be a bit of a challenge to construct but by no means insurmountable and with care will not be a problem.
2. The majority of trees in that corner of the site are pretty scraggy so the new trees proposed would actually be a benefit but the amount of tree cover in this corner of the site is an important landscape feature that needs to be retained, be it by existing or new.
3. There will be some loss of parking availability but not as much as the applicant has shown, I would have thought. If the layout takes the form of that in the 3D image rather than the proposed site plan there should be 10 places available against the 8 shown , plus there at least 3 or 4 available at the entrance front of the Rectory itself.
4. It is dissapointing to note that very little maintenance or improvement has been made to the listed entrance gates. Only the weeds from the ground outside have gone, there still a sapling to be removed which gets progressively more difficult the longer it remains. The railings at the very least require cleaning and probably repainting and the vegitation both over the fencing and between it and the house needs trimming. May I suggest this elemnt is considered as a condition of any permission that might be considered.
5. Strange, according to the application form there are no employees on this site but 17 parking spaces; likewise, this server storage is for the telecoms firm within The Rectory. Will all communication between the two be wireless? If not, how is the cabling to traverse the gap and enter (or exit) The Rectory?

Design Officer 2: Julian Davies

Comments

No objection, subject to landscape details being submitted and agreed to include planting,maintenance, paving, refurbishment of the entrance gates. We also need details of the cable connection works required to the main building on the basis that excavation is required.

Design Officer 3:

Comments

Response: