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Design Statement

Statement in support of a planning application submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council for a single storey rear extension of the existing Pavillion building.

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The existing building is a former Pavillion room of what was the rather grand Bursledon Hall residence & that facilitated the rather grand croquet lawn that is still in existence today but not used. There is a certain character to the building in the form of its plain clay tiled roof & what would have been rendered timber frame walls with its ornate brickwork chimney. Sadly the building has fell into a state of disrepair and has not been in practical use by the company for a number of years.

When Bursledon Hall became the Research Centre offices, the Pavillion building with its spectacular views out to the river & a nice quiet location provided an ideal location for some of the company`s more selective internal meetings & offered more seclusion to important cliental meetings. It was also frequently used for employee training & for company social events, especially in the summertime.

Whilst the building has acted as a fully functional meeting space in the past it has always been seen as very restrictive in terms of its limitations in size & with its physical state becoming ever increasing the company wishes to cease the opportunity to not only revamp the building (as this would be more viable than rebuilding) but to also enlarge it slightly so as to ensure its future use for the company & its employees.

The proposals submitted in this planning application show the intention is to totally refurbish the existing building & to add a small extension across the whole of the rear (The front elevation is regarded by The Local Authority as the elevation facing the lawn) which is formed by 2 new hipped roofs interconnected by a flat roof between.

The use of the refurbished building will essentially remain the same as before providing a function area for company events, training facilities, meeting rooms for company employees & for external cliental in being able to accommodate up to 40 people together with kitchen & toilet facilities.

There are to be no changes to the existing on site parking provision.