Listed Building Consent: Planning Statement

For:
Netley Memorial
Netley Police Support & Training HQ
Hamble Lane
Hamble-le-Rice
Southampton, Hampshire
SO31 4TS

Hampshire
County Council

Existing Site

The site comprises numerous buildings and storage facilities and is Hampshire Constabulary's Support and Training Headquarters. The facilities are set in was previously known as the Royal Victoria Military Hospital grounds.

The site is accessed via Hamble Lane and incorporates numerous training and office facilities, for a number of the police disciplines.

Proposals

The proposals comprise the erection of a wall mounted memorial for fallen Hampshire Constabulary colleagues. The memorial will comprise three slabs of black granite (600mm wide x 900mm high x 30mm thick) and will incorporate silver lettering. The 'header' memorial will consist of a 300mm high x 900mm wide slab of black granite (with Police logos/crests either side) and silver lettering/detailing to match.

In addition, a new footpath is proposed, that will lead visitors from the existing path area, toward the memorial. The construction/finish of this new path will match the existing and will be lit by four low-level, conservation style, light bollards.

Statement of Justification

Hampshire Constabulary have never had a memorial to fallen officers, consequently, family members and relatives have not had a central focus point whereby they could go and pay their respects.

The training and support facility at Netley, is the ideal location for this proposed memorial, as all members of the Constabulary will have visited and been instructed at this location, some stage throughout their career.

Assessment of Impact of Works

Memorial

The three proposed memorial tablets (600mm wide x 900mm high x 30mm thick), together with the header tablet (300mm high x 900mm wide x 30mm thick) will be supported via new stainless steel corbels which comprise 5mm deep x 500mm wide.

The stainless steel corbels will be sunk into the brickwork bed joint by approximately 70mm. This procedure will involve minimum/no disruption to the existing structure and could easily be removed and relocated accordingly, with only minimal pointing work required so as to reinstate the wall.

Footpath

A soft dig through the existing turf will need to be undertaken, in order to facilitate the installation of a new brick path, leading from the existing Hardstanding area, toward the proposed memorial. The materials/finish of this path will match the existing and is to be approved by Eastleigh Borough Council, prior to installation.

The proposed path will abut the existing soldier style course of brick paving, at the foot of the existing wall, causing minimum/no disruption to the existing feature.

The new external low level lighting bollards (finished black), have been identified as in 'keeping' with the surrounding features and are intended to reflect the historic nature of the site.