

H/22/93192 – Silver Birches, Hound Road, Netley Abbey, SO31 5FZ.

Context.

This property is neither close to a listed building nor in a conservation area or even bordering one, situated at the junction of Hound Way and Hound Road where it becomes a side road to the rear of the Royal Victoria Country Park. The nearest listed buildings are the Church and Hound Manor some way to the east and Netley Station over to the west.

The building is a bungalow probably from the 1970's with first floor box dormers to front and rear and a rather sad looking conservatory structure added to the front all in a very generous mature plot on the western corner of the junction.

The Proposal.

The scheme will extend the accommodation and revitalise the appearance of the building, while improving its thermal qualities to reduce its carbon footprint. The existing box dormers are finished in white weather-boarding which unfortunately make them stand out – not very elegantly at that. This proposal will extend the front one and clad them both in a dark coloured standing seam zinc which will considerably reduce their impact (together with a new gable at the front helping to mask it) and give a far more modern image assisted by both the rejuvenated gable and new one alongside in place of the sad conservatory structure.

Conclusion.

The change from what are probably concrete tiles to a dark slate material with dark zinc dormers and the other proposed changes will result in a far more elegant home that will take the building forward many years. No objection.

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