

H/22/93352 & L/22/93401–Greywell, High Street, Bursledon, SO31 8DL.

Context.

This building, standing at one of the highest points of Old Bursledon, is in the northeast of the Old Bursledon Conservation Area as designated on 16th. December 1982 and the Old Bursledon and Hungerford Bottom Special Policy Area. It was listed Grade II on 5th. December 1955, so one of the earliest tranches of listing, giving it more import than those of 1983 say. This is a building with an interesting history having previously been a symmetrically fronted pub called The New Inn belonging to the Romsey brewery called Strongs, and facing the road.

At a later stage, probably in the Arts and Crafts period at the turn of the last century, it was altered, extended and enhanced by Mrs Shawe-Storey as one of a number of properties around the perimeter of her Greyladyes estate, that she bought, modernised and let. The front was moved round to the south elevation, new entrance gates and boundary wall added, extensions added to the rear, new more decorative chimneys built and internal spaces enhanced together with staff accommodation at the northern end. She was passionately fond of beautiful brickwork – hence the myriad of elegant chimneys on all the houses she upgraded, on this one diagonal dual and triple stacks. This house was also one of the homes used in the late 1980's television drama Howards Way based in the village.

The Proposal.

This second application is for three elements - a new garage block, a new internal courtyard wall and rebuilding the front boundary wall to the north of the house.

The garage block – placed in the already agreed position next to an existing outbuilding and over the site of a previous dilapidated timber garage, this three bay structure, consisting of garages with office/store in the roof space above, will be in keeping with both the stature and quality of the main house. Using the same roof tiles as the house but with rendered elevations denoting its lesser importance in the pecking order, its position will serve to enhance the delineation of the 'service' yard that would normally have been in place for horses, carriages and trades people for a house of this stature.

New internal courtyard wall – there is evidence to suggest that a wall previously existed between the house and the remaining outbuilding to the west of the house, affording not only definition but an element of shelter from the north, to provide a back yard to the house. Re-instatement of this wall with a pair of gates will provide separation of the 'below stairs' area to the north from the 'above stairs' area to the south and west of the main building.

Front boundary wall - this has been leaning out ever more perilously for years and has now reached the dangerous stage requiring action. Evidence of cement mortar proves the wall is not historic but as the building is listed this is included and it is a notable feature of the conservation area as highlighted in the conservation area appraisal.

Conclusion.

These additions and replacement will enhance the setting and usability of Greywell and in the case of the boundary wall, the wider setting of the conservation area. No objection.
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