

H/22/93338 – Edenbridge House, School Road, Bursledon, SO31 8BW.

Update.

30/08/2022 - As the conflict regarding the electronic gates has been resolved by Highways and a clear matt stain is proposed, I confirm I withdraw my objection to this application.

19/08/2022 - A matt stain or varnish as the Stable Cottage gates would give balance and differentiate it from The Old Rectory gates. If they preferred paint a 'national trust' type colour, different to The Old Rectory, but of the same quality and character would be another possibility.

15/08/2022 - With regard to the finish of the gates, The Old Rectory is the most important building of the three and as Edenbridge House is not part of it they should not be the same colour. A dark colour would not be right to my mind and a match to Stable Cottage is a possibility which would at least give balance but not in high gloss. A muted colour matt finish would be most suitable, be it timber or paint. It could of course be conditioned, to give time for due consideration by the applicants.

Context.

This property was built in the front garden of The Old Rectory, now a Grade II listed heritage asset, in the 1960's or 1970's before the Rectory was listed in February 1983.

The Proposal.

This application is to provide new entrance gates, utilising the existing gate piers with a single unit to look like a pair that appears to slide to one side. There is little detail of either this or the finish of the gates themselves, just that they are of timber boarding with no mention of species.

As these gates are at the front of the listed building site, in the public view, they become part of the setting of this heritage asset. The other factor is their operation, if electric and not pre-opened, the waiting vehicle will obscure the entrance to The Old Rectory causing a back-up onto the road but if moved into the site by a couple of metres or so there would be a cars length to avoid conflict with this adjacent entrance and reduce the affect on the setting of The Old Rectory.

Conclusion.

As these gates affect the setting of the only listed building in Zone 6 of the Old Bursledon Conservation Area there is greater than usual interest in the detail of the finish.

So there are two issues here :-

a. what finish is proposed for the timber gates and if not finished what timber are they to be constructed of? and

b. If the gates are to be operated by electricity there is likely to be conflict with the existing entrance to The Old Rectory which could be resolved by moving the position of these gates closer to the house. Holding objection.

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