

Ferndale, High Street, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4JF.

Context.

Located on the southern side of the High Street this property together with its immediate neighbour to the west Laren, form the north-westerly nib of an area of Hamble village just to the south of the centre that is not included in the Conservation Area as it is generally of relatively modern buildings that do not have sufficient quality to achieve conservation area status.

The front and east boundaries of Ferndale are the boundary of the conservation area with Church Cottage to its east a listed building. The conservation area boundary also runs along the opposite side of the High Street, this neck linking the main area of The Square etc to that dominated by St Andrews Church and The Old Rectory.

The position of this property means it has an effect on the setting of both the conservation area and a heritage asset, the listed building of Church Cottage,

The Proposal.

Ferndale looks a typical 1950's style dwelling that is set well back from the road and the listed building to the right, so not having a vast impact on this heritage asset, Church Cottage. The removal of the garage, store and extension generally to the western part of the site will release space for an extension on that side of the property, away from the listed building. The proposed rear extension is stepped back on the eastern side to maintain the gap between building and boundary and therefore again, the listed building.

Enveloping the existing structure in a cream render will give the building a closer allegiance with Church Cottage next door while improving its thermal qualities and ensuring there is no nasty junction with adjoining new work including the first floor study over the enhanced entrance. The use of a relatively local handmade brick will achieve a quality finish suitable for this location.

Conclusion.

An enlarged dwelling with improved sustainability, well articulated without imposing on the existing listed building on its eastern boundary and using relatively local materials with some good detailing to add interest. It will not cause harm to the setting of either the conservation area or adjacent listed building. No objection.

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