

H/23/95021 - Chestnut View, 6 Grange Farm, Grange Road, Netley Abbey, SO31 5FF.

Context.

This plot lies to the south-east of the listed Grade II Netley Grange, now subdivided into three dwellings and this site is on the approach facing its frontage, so any addition here is going to affect the setting of this heritage asset. All six properties within the close have hipped roofs, so a prominent gable in this position is not appropriate, most particularly facing the listed building.

The Proposal.

A brick and tile structure consisting of a double car garage width with a storage/workshop wing to its south-west with a hipped roof except for the prominent gable over the unusually high (approx 3m) garage door. The bricks, mortar and roof tiles should all match the host house and the gable be hipped to agree with all the other roofing in the close.

Two items of concern – one, the satellite view shows mature bushes, a length of hedge and possibly a tree or two where the building is to be sited yet the application form claims none are to be removed, so perhaps the site has already been cleared but some form of planting may well be needed to soften the end elevation as there are no windows in the proposed building.

The second concern is the drain shown under the site. It looks as if this may well be the branch sewer connecting the close to the main sewer in Grange Road. If this is the case, two right angle turns near the boundary are not very clever, particularly as the diversion will reduce the fall between the two manholes either side of the proposed building.

Conclusion.

Apart from the gable that needs to be hipped, the general form of the building is appropriate for the position provided the materials are to match the host building. Holding objection.

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