

H/23/95875 – Greydowns, School Road, Bursledon, SO31 8BX.

Context.

Set toward the north-west of the Old Bursledon Conservation Area on the northern side of School Road a short distance to the west of its junction with Church Lane, this property stands alone apart from one other house on the opposite side of the road.

The nearest listed buildings are Greyladyes Lodge in Church Lane, just south of the junction and The Old Rectory in School Road some way to the west, the other side of Kew Lane. Neither of these buildings or their settings will be affected by the proposed work to this building.

The Old Bursledon Conservation Area Appraisal and Management proposal document notes that there is a mix of style and age of properties in the area, most being two storey, pitched roof with chimneys and red/brown clay tiles or natural slates, brick built with tile hanging, weatherboarding and white painted windows.

The Proposal.

The existing building, dating from the 1930's is typical of the era in being rendered over a fair-face brick ground floor. The render is now failing and the brickwork has suffered some poor repairs and extensions.

The proposal is to replace the existing render and indeed extend it down to plinth level leaving some half dozen or so brick courses exposed, again typical of the era of construction, so masking the sins of previous owners. The modern render, while having the same texture as the existing finish, will keep the masonry drier and therefore increase its thermal performance – good for both the planet and the owners pocket.

Conclusion.

The new extended render finish will maintain the essential character of the building while both extending its life and improving its thermal performance. All good laudable aspects so, no objection.

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