

H/23/96580 – Hamblewell, Church Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8AB.

Context.

Sited in the north-west corner of zone 3 of the Old Bursledon Conservation Area on the northern boundary of the CA, this site is on the approach to St. Leonard's Church which is just to the south-west of this site. St. Leonard's is Grade II* listed, so regarded as being of national importance. No other listed buildings or even unlisted ones regarded as important are in close proximity to this house.

The Proposal.

Two new gable windows and ten roof-lights are proposed in order to make good use of the existing roof space. The gable windows are placed centrally, so align well with the pair of windows below on the north elevation and above a single one on the west elevation. This has the additional advantage of breaking up a relatively large area of plain brickwork to give more interest to these two elevations.

Ten roof lights as a bald number seems an awful lot but being some of the smallest available will spread the light well inside while not being obtrusive outside as fewer larger ones would be. A good solution to the problem and provided they are installed with the glass level with the roof finish present no problem to the effect of the building on the setting of the nearby heritage asset.

Conclusion.

This proposal will make maximum use of the existing built volume while not having a negative effect on the setting of the local historic church of St. Leonard's. No objection.

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