

F/26/100797 – Land at Foxfields, Dodwell Lane, Bursledon, SO31 1AD.

Context.

This site overlooks the Windover Interchange (junction 8) of the M27 to the west with the Grade II listed Dodwell Cottage to the east on the other side of Dodwell Lane. There are mature hedgerows either side of Dodwell Lane here including trees and particularly an oak along the roadside boundary of Dodwell Cottage, which gives some quite good separation of the heritage asset from the proposal site adjacent to Foxfields itself.

There are no conservation areas or other listed buildings in the vicinity, and the current house adjacent and owning the proposal site is built of red brick under a slate roof with some quite odd slopes to the front and rear.

The Proposal.

The land here is a continuous slope from the front door of Dodwell Cottage westward down to the motorway slip road which aids the camouflage of the shipping containers sited at the top (east) of the site near the lane but separated by a mature hedge. Being painted in dark green also assists this.

The field shelters are situated at the bottom of the site tucked into the generous boundary hedge, so are virtually invisible from the public domain. The quantity and situation of this land is of dubious benefit to any agricultural enterprise, particularly as it is not now contiguous with a farm, being a left-over piece from the motorway construction in the 1970's I think.

Conclusion.

Thanks to the verdant vegetation and topography on the site, these structures are not perceived in the setting of the listed heritage asset and are temporary, so if conditioned to be removed when their current use concludes, no problem. From a land use perspective there is probably little alternative and it maintains the green gap between the two settlements. No objection.

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