

H/26/100883 – Jacaranda, York Road, Netley Abbey, SO31 5DD.

Updated comments following clarification re. solar panel installation.

As the building is on a NE - SW axis it looks as if all the panels can be installed with the slope across the short side without compromising their efficiency any further, therefore keeping the height to a minimum, which would be acceptable. On that basis I withdraw my holding objection.

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Context.

The site lies toward the top of the southern leg of the Netley Abbey Conservation Area on the beach-front overlooking the sea. It started life as a chalet bungalow that has morphed into a largely glass fronted house on the sea side, both architecturally and physically midway between the ultra modern houses to the north-west and the Victorian villas to the south-east.

All the nearest listed buildings are some distance from the site, being the Church of Edward the Confessor, Abbots Lodge and the Castle to the north-west with the Prince Consort public house away to the south-east tip of the conservation area. The nearest Ancient Monuments are the southern tip of the Castle and the remains of the Abbey itself the other side of the church.

The Proposal.

This application comprises two elements, **A.** a fully glazed sunroom on the southern elevation and **B.** 14 No. solar panels on the flat roof areas.

A. As the existing rear elevation facing the sea is already mostly glass, the addition of a glass box in front of the existing will hardly notice and be in keeping with the existing façade. No objection.

B. Solar panels are indicated for all three flat roofs, and they do not appear on the elevations – I assume therefore that they are proposed to be sited flat on the roof which is no problem.

Conclusion.

This building is no great architectural masterpiece and any change will not affect any listed buildings or ancient monuments as they are all far enough distant and the extra glass to the sea side of it will not make much difference, so is no problem in any event.

The solar panels however will not look very pretty if they are on frames angled toward the sun, which is a common form of installation on flat roofs. As they do not show on the elevations it looks as if they are to be laid flat which is acceptable but written confirmation of this is required prior to approval. Holding objection.

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