

Heritage Statement

- The site address is 34 High Street, Botley, Southampton Hants. SO30 2EA
- The house is listed as a Grade 2 property
- The front door is rotten as well as the frame from rain water deposited from the A334 by passing traffic and also due to the fact that the footpath is approximately 1m higher than my door step and adjacent to it.
- The door is beyond economic repair and we do not use the entrance as it is a struggle to open and close it due to the damage to the door and the frame. We would;d like to upgrade the door for security and for warmth reasons to a modern door with new frame and multipoint locks. This will return the door to being fit for purpose and allow for a second exit and entrance in case of emergency.
- The choice of door has been carefully looked at with the Heritage officer to get to an agreed position nthat meets my needs as a householder and the needs of the council to preserve the looks of the listed building I live in.
- The heritage officer requested tp have the same seal/threshold and 'board and batten' character as the existing door. **My response to this request is as follows :The door will have a uPVC cill & low aluminium threshold – we may be able to forego the uPVC cill and just sit the aluminium threshold onto the existing cement base below the door. I have agreed to have batons bonded onto the external front panel of the door to meet the requirement for the board and baton look of the current door.**
- The heritage officer requested Any weatherstrip would need to be camouflaged by a weatherboard as existing or set into the cill. **My response to this request is as follows :The weatherbar/drip bar on the composite doors is colour matched to the door slab and placed at the bottom of the slab above the threshold. The weatherstrip will be internal to the frame.**
- The heritage officer requested that the iron brackets fixed to the frame either side to support a hood need to be transferred to the new installation. **My response to this request is as follows : This will not be an issue to re-fit the brackets to the new frame, though we would not be able to use the existing fixings/bolts – we would have to use new screws which would be a slight different colour – though I am sure they can easily be painted black to blend in with the brackets.**
- The response from the Heritage Officer was that this approach looks as if it meets the requirements for this type of request.