

F/26/101005 – Marina Drive, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4HF.

Context.

Situated on the western side of the northern arm of the Hamble Conservation Area this entrance to marina Drive off Satchell Lane leads northward to the Crowsport Estate, down to Port Hamble Marina with its boatyard and southward to the fourteen houses of Lukes Close.

The nearest listed buildings are those of Copperhill Terrace in the Square some 125m down the lane, so out of direct sight of this application site and therefore not affecting the setting of these heritage assets.

The Proposal.

The Marina Drive development was executed some 25/30 years ago and the retaining structure of vertical logs on the access splay of this entrance road have now reached the end of their life. In order to install a more durable solution it is proposed to install galvanised steel sections vertically to hold horizontal sleeper sections in order to retain the higher level ground which contains a tree.

The planning statement shows an example with black painted steels holding the sleepers; this would look much better than the virgin galvanised sections which will be very bright. The tanalised timber will look slightly green and will tone down in a relatively short time.

Conclusion.

Provided the upright steel sections are painted black to reduce their impact, no objection.

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