

L/26/101210 – 34 High Street, Botley, SO30 2EA.

Context.

This is a listed building – Grade II – on the western side of Zone 2 The Square of the Botley Conservation Area; it is the first building on the north side of the High Street as one enters this zone from the west. Directly opposite is Portland House also grade II listed but behind a high boundary wall onto the street.

The Old Forge as it is also known is a pivotal building in Botley for it is only as one comes round the bend in front of it from the west is The Square revealed and likewise from the east it is the last building in view from The Square itself.

The Proposal.

This application is to replace the existing front door with a new one, as it is both rotting and difficult to use. The threshold is approximately one metre below road and pavement level so receives a lot of spray from this source accelerating the rate of degradation.

The proposed replacement is of composite construction, which will achieve greater thermal performance together with improved security without being blatantly obvious to the casual observer. The existing batten and board construction will be replicated by adding battens to a standard door blank to achieve the same appearance and the hood will be transferred to the new frame.

Conclusion.

The replacement door now proposed will closely replicate the existing in external appearance and therefore maintain the external interest in this heritage asset. No objection.

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