

F/26/101209 – Bell tent glamping @RVCP, Netley, SO31 5GA.

Context.

This site is essentially a paddock virtually surrounded by trees with woodland to the south-east, at almost the centre of the country park. It lies to the north-east of the park railway station which itself lies north-east of the Grade II* listed Netley Chapel a little distant.

Other listed buildings in the vicinity include Nightingale Walk some distance to the north-west with The Empire Building halfway between the two, the parks main base and the police training headquarters Victoria House due east, again separated by both distance and woodland, all Grade II listed.

The nearest conservation area is that of Netley Abbey, which finishes at The Prince Consort pub some distance north-west of the park entrance, which itself is quite a way from the application site. The park is a registered one as being of importance and as stated in the heritage statement during the World Wars this space was part of the extensive area behind the main hospital building known as 'Oxford Street' that was covered in huts and tents to accommodate the overflow of patients from the main building.

The Proposal.

This application is to retain the existing function of glamping in both timber lodges and bell tents in a self-contained paddock, insulated from the heritage assets by varying amounts of trees and woodland. The existing structures are, apart from the ablutions block, both rustic and temporary in nature with the tents obviously only seasonal. The ablutions block is temporary but would benefit from the timber cladding used for the other structures.

Conclusion.

The whole setup is low key and a good distance from all the listed buildings, aided by intervening screening, which is an invaluable source of income to the park, itself important to help maintain it's heritage assets in good condition. No objection.

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