

F/26/100729 – 3 Riverside, Bishopstoke, SO50 6LP.

24.08.2026 update. In the light of amended documentation for the above application, both the proposed new siting and enclosure resolve concerns from a conservation viewpoint, so no objection.

It does however raise a possible issue from a building control perspective if this staircase is the only means of escape from the flat above as both the timber enclosure and the machines themselves represent a probable fire hazard. This should be verified with BC. **Tim J S Dyer**, B.Sc.,Dip.Arch.(Birm), RIBA.

Context.

This building is to the southern end of the Bishopstoke Conservation Area on the eastern side, with an area of housing in Montague Road, just to the south-east of the site covered by an Article 4 Direction to protect all the frontages from alteration.

This unit forms the southern half of a building noted as making a positive contribution to the conservation area, therefore of more import than the structures either side of No's 3 and 4 Riverside.

While the rear of this range of shops is no thing of beauty, the addition of 24/7 noise making boxes on top of the back outhouses is neither an enhancement nor a positive element to the ambience of nearby residential properties.

The Proposal.

The prominent position of these new enclosures, in addition to the noise aspect, will most probably rust over time and given the lack of attention to detail evident in the existing structures, will further denigrate the look of the area, which as a conservation area is designated to either maintain or preferably enhance the appearance of it.

Conclusion.

The installation of these items of plant neither enhance or even maintain the quality of the area either visually or aurally. Objection.

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