

L/26/101951 – 3 The Square, High Street, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4LS.

Context.

No.3 is the middle property in the block between the High Street and Well Lane on the east side of the Square with a gabled shop frontage projecting forward of those either side. This was the centre of the original conservation designation in 1969 and together with No.2 has an unusually long garden stretching down to the Victory Inn boundary.

This building was listed Grade II in 1983 along with all the north side of the High Street down to the Quay and north up Satchel Lane to the end of Copper Hill Terrace. The Old House on the opposite corner of the High Street is also listed together with a few more at the bottom end of the High Street on the south side and some to the west on leaving the Square.

The Proposal.

The listing of a property includes the boundary and its treatment, which in this case is complicated by the falling terrain, differing levels and being surrounded by listed buildings, so affecting their setting, albeit only from the rear. The existing state of the boundary is both varied and in need of resolving, hence the application.

A 2 metre high close boarded fence is quite reasonably proposed adjacent to the building on concrete posts and gravel boards for privacy and longevity, 4no on the north side continued with 4no timber hit and miss fencing panels on timber posts and gates to match before an existing fence and hedge to the bottom of the site.

On the south side are 5no close boarded fence panels in concrete posts followed by a timber post and rail fence with stock wire which for the lower ¾'s is over a Purbeck dry stone wall to cope with the differing site levels. For the lower ¾'s of this is a timber pergola to mask that of the neighbours the top of which is equivalent to waist height at the back of the building.

The only discordant element of this scheme is the concrete fence posts, the use of which is entirely appreciated, but which will stand out as a not very pleasant or suitable feature. If each is covered with a timber plank they would blend in.

Conclusion.

If the concrete posts are masked as suggested, no objection.

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