

H/23/96605 – Fox Fields, Dodwell Lane, Bursledon, SO31 1AD.

Context.

This site overlooks the Windover Interchange (junction 8) of the M27 to the west with the Grade II listed Dodwell Cottage to the east on the other side of Dodwell Lane. There is a mature hedgerow including trees and particularly an oak along the roadside boundary of Dodwell Cottage, which gives some quite good separation of the heritage asset from the proposal site.

The current house on the site has some quite odd roof slopes to the front and rear over red brick elevations with a slated roof and large double dormer to the west elevation.

The Proposal.

This scheme envisages a major extension to the south-east side of the building with a pair of gabled ridges running side to side to replace the mixture of hips and gables and a feature, largely glazed gable to express the main entrance virtually central to the front elevation. A single storey, flat roofed extension is also added to the rear at the southern end.

The effect of the changes will provide a building giving the impression of being twice the size of the existing but with a similar ridge height. All the frontage up to door head height appears to be rendered with unspecified cladding above which runs round the sides and most of the rear. The north-east side retains the single storey lean-to brick extension and the front door has a flat roof canopy projecting over.

Conclusion.

The finished article will provide a substantial house of somewhat unknown character in place of a modest cottage with some quirky elements of mellow brickwork. While a little of the existing facing is retained on the exposed north-west elevation, the final character of the rest of the building has not been shared with us and as it will be seen in the context of a heritage asset, affecting its setting, this needs to be known. Holding objection until details of the cladding, colour of render, colour and character of garage door and window frames is given.

27.01.2023.

Tim J S Dyer, B.Sc.,Dip.Arch.(Birm), Grad.Dip.Conservation(AA), RIBA.

Built Heritage Consultant.