

H/24/96996 – 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.

There are no conservation areas or other listed buildings in the vicinity, and 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 a large double dormer to the west elevation.

The Proposal.

This re-submission has a very similar extensive floor plan to that of early last year but by virtue of the altered built form has a much smaller apparent volume, which is an advantage. The existing odd asymmetrical roof slopes with a large dormer, which appear to be a later addition to the existing dwelling, have been picked as the theme to develop this design.

The front elevation is now symmetrical in form about a receding central gable with the large dormers either end now flat roofed, with links between the three gables having the same flat roof at the same level. The rear elevation has the same asymmetrical roofs carried through with the original pitched roof adjusted to seem to spring from these. The ground floor has a flat roof over both the new extension at the rear and as a porch canopy it would seem at the front but not marked on plan.

Combined, these changes together with the natural wood cladding of the dormers and front gables provide a lower profile, more natural building of unique design which will have less impact on the existing setting.

Conclusion.

The less imposing presence of this proposal combined with the 'natural wood cladding' will sit more comfortably in the rural setting, but the cladding needs to be conditioned, I suggest Sweet Chestnut which will weather like oak and is a sustainable material, often available from local sources. No objection.

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