

H/23/95847 – 13 Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4HF.

Context.

This site lies within a row of pitched roof properties of varying age, generally inter-war in this immediate stretch, facing the western side of the northern arm of the Hamble Conservation Area as redefined and adopted in August 2018 and overlooking pitched roof properties within the conservation area on the opposite side of the road toward the river.

As the site is effectively nudging the boundary of the conservation area, (the boundary is on the opposite side of the road), it affects the setting of it and one must assess the quantity of harm any application will occasion to that heritage asset. The nearest listed buildings are Copperhill Terrace, approximately 100 metres down the road to the south, forming the eastern side of Hamble Square.

The Proposal.

This building is in a particularly prominent position being on the apex of this curve of Satchell Lane. It is typical of the inter-war years with a square bay window projecting forward of the main reception and bed rooms both clad at first floor level in faux 'tudor-bethan' woodwork with render infill. The traditional roof of plain clay tiles is hipped all round, currently producing an almost pyramidal form with the forward projecting gable over the two spaces already mentioned.

The front elevation under the gable is to be brought forward and squared off to the front of the bay window with white rendered masonry and the roof is to have a ridge across the building at the existing height with gables either side. A small ground floor flat roofed extension is to be provided in front of the existing front door and a new one under a lean-to construction on the north elevation. The roof is to be covered in slate, which will match no.15 to the north.

Although the new roofline will be at the same height as the existing, this is higher than the others in the row, but does not seem it due to its tapering nature. The new proposal of a continuous ridge right across the property with gables either side will both increase the volume and produce a bulkier, more imposing presence to the street scene. This could be tempered by the introduction of half hips or gablets to the side gables level with the adjacent ridges.

Conclusion.

This is a far more suitable solution than the previous scheme for this site but the raw gables either side will emphasise its bulk and dominate the group. Softening the ridge ends as suggested above would help meld the new structure into the group to present a more cohesive group of buildings.

Holding objection.

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