

H/24/96969 – South Woods, Salterns Lane, Bursledon, SO31 8DH.

Context.

From what would have been quite modest origins in 1953 post war Britain, this house has grown like topsy with numerous extensions in all directions over the subsequent seven decades.

The site lies in the south-west end of the conservation area in zone 8, just to the north of the railway line and just to the east of the SINC that lies between the site and the western boundary of the conservation area. The closest listed buildings are the two houses at the entrance to Salterns Lane, Walnut Tree Cottage and Dolphin House, with the closest building considered to make a positive contribution to the conservation area being Salterns, just two doors up the lane to the east. Given the distance and topography, none of the settings of these will be affected by this proposal.

The Proposal.

The scheme comprises a number of relatively minor tweaks to the building that will redress some of the oddities and provide a more balanced looking building, more of a whole. The change to have the most impact will be the removal of the tile hanging to the first floor with render in its place which will take it from a rural looking building set into the countryside to a more imposing, clean-cut looking building with a more balanced profile.

Plainly the changing of the windows and provision of solar panels will render the building far more energy efficient, without the solar panels defacing an elevation of the main structure. The introduction of a car-port will also help climate change by shielding the vehicles from frost and heat requiring less energy to render the cars comfortable to use.

Conversion of the existing garage block into a dedicated home office environment in the same vocabulary as the house will keep it related to the host building and slightly reduce the amount and distance of vehicle movements.

Conclusion.

While this scheme represents a major change in appearance of the building from a retiring cosy rural image that will easily absorb heat, to one that will reflect heat more easily but have a greater presence by virtue of its colour, it is not alien to the character of the conservation area, so no objection.

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