

L/24/97179 – 6 Hound Manor, Hound Road, Netley Abbey, SO31 5JS.

Context.

Hound Manor, previously known as Hound Farmhouse was listed Grade II in February 1983, described as *'Mid 19th. century, two storeys, 3 windows. Hipped slate roof, with eaves. Brick walling (Flemish bond red and blue, red rubbed flat arches. Sashes in reveals. Wooden portico of 2 columns in plain Tuscan Order. ' A quietly elegant building that was converted into flats and extended to the rear in the 1980's.*

Photo 4. Shows the windows of flat 6 with I assume flat 7 above. I may be mistaken but I do not recall having been consulted on any LBC for these and certainly not since early October 2017 when I became a consultant to EBC.

While the overall format of the windows is the same as the originals, looking at photo No.4 one can discern a subtle difference in the two sets of windows. The originals below have an elegance and 'lightness' not shared by those above. The main reason for this is the sash boxes on either side of each frame which in the originals are set into the wall from inside, largely hidden by the outer skin of brickwork which achieves glass much closer to the brick opening than the replacements above.

The other obvious differences are heavier mid-rail and the glass which in the originals it is flat but in the replacements one can see strange reflections giving a completely different character.

The Proposal.

This LBC is for replacement of the lower windows to match those above.

Conclusion.

The existing situation is neither correct nor satisfactory but as this is not part of the original building and is a significantly lesser element of the development, particularly as seen in photo No. 3 it would look best to have all four windows the same, so in this instance I could accept the change. This does not mean it would be acceptable anywhere else on the building and most definitely not on or in the front, original part of the house. Those would need to be an exact match in timber with possibly thin double-glazing.

I assume this application is only for the two ground floor windows we see in photo No.4, in which case it is acceptable to change provided they exactly matching the two above in flat `No.7 (assumed). No objection.

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