

H/24/97187 & L/24/97193 – Greywell, High Street, Bursledon, SO31 8DL.

Context.

This building, standing at one of the highest points of Old Bursledon, is in the northeast of the Old Bursledon Conservation Area as designated on 16th. December 1982 and the Old Bursledon and Hungerford Bottom Special Policy Area. It was listed Grade II on 5th. December 1955, so one of the earliest tranches of listing, giving it more import than those of 1983 say. This is a building with an interesting history having previously been a symmetrically fronted pub called The New Inn belonging to the Romsey brewery called Strongs, and facing the road.

At a later stage, probably in the Arts and Crafts period at the turn of the last century, it was altered, extended and enhanced by Mrs Shawe-Storey as one of a number of properties around the perimeter of her Greyladyes estate, that she bought, modernised and let. The front was moved round to the south elevation, new entrance gates and boundary wall added, extensions added to the rear, new more decorative chimneys built and internal spaces enhanced together with staff accommodation at the northern end. She was passionately fond of beautiful brickwork – hence the myriad of elegant chimneys on all the houses she upgraded, on this one diagonal dual and triple stacks. This house was also one of the homes used in the late 1980's television drama *Howards Way* based in the village.

The Proposal.

This is essentially a scheme to enhance the previously approved permissions for the garage block, new internal courtyard wall and front boundary wall but more tailored to the requirements of the new owners. This revision takes the existing proposed garage block, dispenses with the external access to the first floor on the north elevation, and connects it up to the main house by means of a car port linking it to the existing outbuilding and from there to the house by a covered way on the south side of the yard wall. Flat-topped gates would be more appropriate here as this is in the 'service' area of the establishment.

The existing store on the north-east corner of the house is little wider than a doors width, so of very limited use – probably a larder originally at the coldest part of the house and close to the kitchen. This proposal is for demolition of this lean-to with a replacement to the width of the utility space behind in the same format, which will fit in seamlessly. The old coalhole outshot to the north is also to be demolished.

Enclosure, separation and definition of the garden and paddock (wildlife area) will help settle the buildings into its setting better and with the lower front boundary wall to the wildlife area will enable passers by to appreciate this as well.

Conclusion.

These additions to the existing proposal are all in keeping with this heritage asset and it's status and will enhance its setting to the benefit of all. No objection.

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