

F/24/97385 – Abbey Hall, Abbey Hill, Netley Abbey, SO31 5FA.

Context.

The site is just east of the Abbey Hall building on the landward side in the western corner and overlooking, the Netley Abbey Recreation Field also known as Castle Field, which is in front of Ellis Row on Victoria Road, a colourful terraced row of cottages dating from c.1860.

The whole of this part of Netley Abbey is in the conservation area which in addition to some listed buildings relatively nearby also contains some Ancient Monuments. The closest listed buildings are the Castle to the north-west with its east lodge approximately north of this site and the Church of Edward the Confessor to the NN-E.

The closest part of the Castle, some 175 metres past the Abbey Hall is an Ancient Monument, together with the aquaduct in front of the church and the remains of the Cisterrian Abbey founded in 1238 just NN-W of the church.

The Proposal.

The siting of a small horse box trailer close to the Abbey Hall will be largely hidden from Victoria Road by the natural topography of the field and probably only the rounded roof will be visible from the road, which being grey in colour, not outstanding. The seasonal nature of both its function and presence will further reduce the impact.

All the heritage assets are far enough away and shielded by more modern buildings, trees and hedges to not have their settings affected by this proposal, which will bring a useful resource to the recreation field and the close-by children's play area.

Conclusion.

This proposal will not affect the setting of any heritage assets in the vicinity yet bring a useful facility to the locale for the benefit of users and possibly increase the usage and thereby increase visitors to the ruined Abbey aiding understanding of its place in history and even interest in other heritage sites, which would be a benefit. No objection.

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