

Plan application No: F/24/98003

Site: River Rat
High Street,
Hamble
SO31 4HA

Heritage Statement

This application is a proposal to upgrade the windows and door to a property that has gone through various changes of use over the past 200 years.

In the 1800's the site was occupied by the village blacksmith.

A more substantial brick building replaced the village forge in the early 1900s. This has been occupied in the mid 1900s by Lloyds Bank and a variety of retail enterprises.

The window glass is single glaze in a metal 'Crittall' frame indicative of the 1950s or 60s.

The door has a single glaze panel on a wooden frame.

To maintain the overall façade of the building it is intended to replace the window with aluminium framed double-glazed glass, toughened and laminated.

The width of both window and door will be similar to the existing measurements but the window depth would increase to provide more internal light.

We seldom use this part of the building as it is too cold and dark in the winter months. The single glaze glass is also a safety issue. We have had someone in the past put their fist through the window.

We wish to enhance the entrance to the restaurant by creating a softer visual appearance as opposed to the existing fairly industrial façade. A new retractable awning would be incorporated to cover the length of the window and door replacing the existing canopy.

We feel the plan overcomes heating, light and safety issues whilst maintaining the architectural concept of the building and blending in with the general character of the High Street. The building is not listed but we feel it essential to maintain the visual charm of the area.

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