

H/24/97467 – Old School House, School Road, Bursledon, SO31 8BY.

Context.

This building is within zone 7 of the Old Bursledon Conservation Area and noted as an unlisted building that makes a positive contribution to the area. It has the typical form of a village school dating from the 19th. century with later additions, the earliest building appearing to be from 1835. The nearest listed building is The Old Rectory which is located next but one along School Lane to the west.

The building has a significant presence in School Lane with a brick wall on the eastern half of the front boundary onto School Lane and mature hedging 2m or so high for most of the remainder and down the western end where the proposed summer-house is to be located in the south-west corner. This fronts Kew Lane, which has a distinctly more rural feeling than School Lane.

The Proposal.

This application is for a simple wooden summer-house to be placed in the south-west corner of the plot, which from the outside will be behind mature hedging approximately the same height as the proposed summer-house. This hedging appears to be ever-green and contrary to the application form the position can be seen from School Lane through the entrance gates but will be in the shadow of the nearby trees and if painted a dark colour as most are, will not be very noticeable.

In view of the positioning, other tall hedges and Edenbridge House between it and The Old Rectory, this proposal will not affect the setting of that heritage asset. As the majority of people drive past they will in all probability not even see the structure, especially as they are approaching the road junction and it will only be when travelling westward past the property that it might be seen anyway.

Conclusion.

This is a small structure of an essentially temporary nature that will nestle in a shaded corner of the plot back from the road, so as long as it is finished in a dark colour will be barely noticeable to the passing public. No objection.

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