

F/25/99466 – The Old George, 492 Fair Oak Road, Eastleigh, SO50 7AN.

Context.

Standing on the corner of the original road junction at the very centre of Fair Oak, this building is probably the most prominent one in the village, and now has some competition from a big blue box. The Old George is listed Grade II with a car park on it's southern side possibly capable of taking ten cars and is not within a conservation area.

The Proposal.

This scheme is for a bright blue box approximately the size of a small van but significantly higher to be placed conspicuously by the front boundary of the car park of this listed building, so taking centre stage of this open space by the centre of the village. As noted by a number of local residents, this is already in place, contrary to the law.

An acceptable solution would be to place it at the back of the car park, probably in the south-west corner, occupying the last parking bay. The displaced bay could be re-allocated to the front and as they tend to be empty for a lot of the time would not have nearly such a detrimental effect on the heritage asset.

Conclusion.

One realises that public houses are operating in an increasingly harsh market place and need to explore all income streams, however the placing of this box at the very front of the heritage asset's curtilage causes significant harm to its setting and indeed to the centre of the village generally. Objection to it's current placing.

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