

## **L/25/99733 – 1 Nightingale Mews, RVCP, Netley Abbey, SO31 5GB.**

### **Context.**

Nightingale Mews are to the rear of Nightingale Walk which was the officers quarters for the military hospital overlooking Southampton Water and situated to the north of the hospital site, all listed Grade II, and now within the Country Park formed from the grounds of this former majestic Victorian structure. Both the main building and the mews have been divided up into apartments some years ago.

The nearest conservation area is that of Netley Abbey, the southern tip of which is just some 300m north-west of the park entrance, but other listed buildings are closer still, mostly within the park including the main one, the Chapel formerly connected to the main hospital building itself which is Grade II\*, the Empire Building north-east of it, the Lodge at the main entrance and Victoria House, now the Hampshire Police training centre right over on the eastern boundary of the park. Just 50m into the conservation area is the Prince Consort public house.

### **The Proposal.**

This property is two storey with half an octagonal lantern light at the rear over the double-height space at the rear of the hallway. The idea is to install a free-standing lift enclosure against the rear wall with a linking floor to the back of the landing currently separated by a balustrade.

The model of small lift chosen is an elegant, clean, modern design that will not impinge on the structure of the building. It would have been helpful if the photographic survey promised in the heritage statement had been included or some annotation on the drawing indicating the lantern light and first floor void together with titling the existing floor plans as such.

### **Conclusion.**

This installation appears to cause minimal intrusion into the existing building fabric and will therefore be easily reversible, with an elegant solution to boot, so no objection.

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