

CS/25/100094 – Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley Abbey, SO31 5GA.

Context.

The extensive grounds of this park contain numerous buildings, five of which are listed and not all owned by HCC. The listed buildings are Victoria House (owned by the police) to the east of the site, Grade II, The Lodge at the west entrance, Grade II, the Chapel just east of centre, Grade II*, Empire House to its north, Grade II, the former Officers Mess a little distance to its west, Grade II, (not owned by HCC) and the former power house north of the Empire Building and east of the former Officers Mess.

The former power-house for the hospital which is not listed is now the maintenance depot for the site with the front of the building standing some 50 metres from the back of the Empire Building with the site itself some 75 metres from the heritage asset at the far end of this building. Both this and the former Officers mess are separated from the site by well-wooded areas.

The Proposal.

A weather station 363mm x 246mm x 368mm is to be mounted on a pole at the north end of the maintenance building extending some 4m above the roofline which will be about 75m away from the back of the nearest heritage asset, the Empire Building. The pole top unit essentially consists of a vertical drum to one side with an anemometer on an approximately 50 degree arm rising up on the other side of the pole; the whole thing powered by a little solar panel on the side of the drum.

Conclusion.

The overall sizing of the unit belies the elemental construction which reduces the impact of the unit to an almost insignificant quantity. No objection.

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