

8 Bath Road

The below aims to summarise the proposed works and includes an assessment of the house, its context and of local heritage considerations.

Introduction

The proposed scheme includes an entrance porch to the front elevation of 8 Bath Road, a 1930's house which looks over Emsworth's Town Mill Pond and is within the curtilage of Havant's Emsworth Conservation Area.

The House

The house is a mid-terrace three-storey (including attic) property on the western side of the mill pond. It is of traditional construction in brick and render with a bay window under a gable end allowing views over the street and the mill pond beyond. No.8 has an enclosed and well-maintained front garden, behind a low brick wall, unlike many of the neighbouring houses where additional parking space has been created at the front. Along with No.8 the other houses to the north of the western side of the mill pond (there are five terraces of four houses) which appear to have been built at the same time. These houses are of similar architectural design and each terrace is set out in an organic fashion roughly following the western bank of the mill pond. Most have since been altered to include UPVC windows and other contemporary building materials which have altered the traditional appearance of the houses. The houses are generally well maintained and the variety of colours and small alterations to their facades and front gardens give the houses and the street character.

No.8 Bath Road is neither Listed or noted within the Emsworth Conservation Area Plan as being either a building of local interest or a positive contribution to the conservation area.

The applicant James Doble has lived at No.8 Bath Road since he bought the house in 2004.

Description of the proposed works

A new front porch is proposed which is similar to the porches seen on many of the neighbouring houses. It will be predominantly glazed with glazing bars arranged in a manner which reflects the layout of the glazing bars in the bay window. Materials will match those of the existing house.

Conclusion

The applicant has lived at the house for a number of years and understands the importance of retaining the character of the conservation area and therefore seeks to minimise the visual impact of any alterations to the house as well as the effect on the surrounding area at the same time as making necessary improvements which will allow the home to be more versatile and suitable for the homeowners future enjoyment.