

Heritage Impact Statement

Stavilands. Kingswood Road, Hillesley. GL12 7RB

Background

Stavilands is located opposite Hillesley Farmhouse, a Grade II Listed building with list entry number 1155970.

Proposal

The proposed works fall into two elements:

i. Rear Extension.

With a footprint slightly smaller than the approved 2017 scheme, the applicants are keen to increase the size of the ground floor living space by bringing the rear ground floor wall in line with the current study wall. By doing this, the internal sitting room would receive more direct sunlight - at present, the sitting room is shaded by the cat slide roof of the west elevation.

In turn, the existing rear roof would be extended downwards to meet the ground floor's external wall. This continuation of roofline would be a continuation of the existing cat slide roof. Two additional rear facing dormer windows are added, to match the existing dormer, and would provide additional space in bedrooms 3 and 4. This increase in bedroom size would then provide enough space for the inclusion of homework desks for the applicants' two daughters.

ii. Changes to Fenestration and External Wall Colour.

As part of a general upgrade, the applicants wish to paint the existing yellow rendered walls. A cream colour is proposed.

The current white uPVC windows are reaching the end of their lives and the applicants wish to replace them with off-white uPVC windows. These new windows would include narrow horizontal glazing bars which would be more in keeping with the traditional windows of neighbouring properties.

Impact on Heritage Asset

Neighbouring properties along the Kingswood Road, which are also located opposite listed Hillesley Farmhouse, show a range of differing styles and types. As a result, there is no unifying house style along the road.

The proposed rear extension would have no impact on the street scene and also no detrimental impact on Hillesley Farmhouse.

In the opinion of applicant and agent, the proposed changes to fenestration and external wall colour would improve the street scene and house's front elevation, through being more traditional in style and more in keeping with the area.

We therefore believe that the proposed works would have no detrimental impact on the setting of a listed building.

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