

Heritage Statement

Site Address: 1 Tug Cottages, Alcester Road, Tardebigge, Bromsgrove B60 1NE

Application for Single Storey Rear Extension

The Existing Asset



Existing Front Elevation



Existing Rear Elevation

The site is located within the Tardebigge, Bromsgrove Conservation Area along the Alcester Road.

The plot itself has limited dimensions of 8.1m by 3.1m with a low-level brick wall which is starting to lean and in urgent need of repair. Although we intend to use some amenity space the property is still afforded a large rear separate garden. This small decked rear garden zone adds limited merit to the Conservation Area. The dwelling is built entirely in cream painted facing brick sitting in a bank of terraces of similar age.

The Proposed project works are to rework the existing dwelling in the ground floor kitchen zone with to allow for a modern expansive space that will make it more sustainable for future generations to come. The aspect from the kitchen window currently is on to the garden wall and hedges. The extension will allow the dwelling to be better suited to modern family life. This will be achieved by demolishing a single wall to the kitchen and living end elevation walls and erecting a single storey rear side extension which will house a modest open plan kitchen.

The facing brickwork of the new extension will sympathetically be built in matching brickwork and painted to match the existing house. On this occasion I do believe similarity and a seamless appearance would be favoured and warranted. To the side of the plot is a pathed access with a 4m high hedgerow which will act as a natural visual buffer and limit the impact of the extension.



The new extension will be afforded this view, the image also highlights the existing planted visual buffer which will limit impact on surrounding properties

The client intends to re-build the garden wall to abut the new extension utilising the existing bricks this will provide a degree of continuity which the existing style of the house and character.

The proposed side extension will have a flat roof. I do favour pitched , but in this instance due to the low eaves height this seems a practical solution and it will also not damage the architectural merit of the existing house.

The extension is designed to be a sympathetic addition. There is huge enthusiasm by the applicants to improve the functionality of the existing home, they see this as their forever home.

Significance of the Asset

I believe the existing asset is of architectural merit. To the front elevation the group of terraces are of note. That is the reason why only a rear elevation has been considered and with the visual planted buffer reducing impact we see the application design as favourable. It also improves the longevity of the property by making its use more sustainable for generations to come without damaging the architectural merit.