

Madehurst Lodge - Covering Letter

JOB NO: 5298

CLIENT: Home Grown Hotels

PROJECT: Proposed Installation of 2 no. storage containers and tractor store within the Walled Garden.

ADDRESS: Madehurst Lodge, Madehurst Road, Madehurst, BN18 0NL

Introduction

Madehurst Lodge is a Grade II listed property with works currently underway to convert the site to a hotel with restaurant and kitchen garden (Application Ref: SDNP/16/06186/FUL). This application is for the proposed siting of 2 no. storage containers and tractor store within the orchard area of the Walled Garden.



Aerial Map

Description of Proposals

The new storage accommodation will comprise 2 no. storage containers (21ft x 8ft) that are positioned 2.25m apart to provide space for storing a vineyard tractor (see image below). To minimise visual impact, the containers would be clad externally in timber weatherboarding (stained black) and the tractor store sheltered by a corrugated metal roof.



Example of a speciality tractor for vineyards





ROOF

Corrugated Metal Sheeting Product: Half round pattern

Colour : Black

WALLS

Stained Timber Horizontal Boarding

Product : 150mm Feather Edge

Colour: Black

Biodiversity Report and an Ecosystems Services

Located within the footprint of the recently removed tarmac tennis court, the new storage accommodation will avoid disruption to the surrounding landscape and natural habitats. The proposal does not require a concrete base which will allow the structure to be removed in the future with minimal impact to the site.

Drawing reference to Policy SD2 of the South Downs Local Plan, the proposal will safeguard the natural environment. The new garden storage will facilitate the operation of the hotel's kitchen garden and vineyard. This will actively support the sustainable production and use of food and raw materials (Criteria h).

Landscaping and ecological mitigation strategy for the site will be carried out in accordance to the information previously submitted with the approved planning application SDNP/16/06186/FUL.

Noise Considerations

The proposal will be used exclusively for ancillary storage so will not cause any increase to noise levels. The garden maintenance team will be made aware that any machinery, such as the vineyard tractor, should only be used during reasonable hours to avoid disturbing hotel guests and neighbouring properties.

Conclusion

It is hoped that the proposals are considered satisfactory but please get in contact should any queries arise