

HERITAGE STATEMENT

**Pinehurst
1 Oxford Close
Moor Park
Hertfordshire
HA6 2FG**

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Replacement of timber windows and doors with black aluminium windows, doors and replacement of gravel driveway with block paving

Site Description

The application site is on a corner plot on the south side of Oxford Close and west side of Bedford Road within the Moor Park Conservation Area. Oxford Close is a cul de sac of three modern two storey detached dwellings. Bedford Road has a varied street scene of detached dwellings.

The application dwelling is finished in brick and render with an arts and craft style appearance. It has a hipped tiled roof.

To the side there is a double garage attached via the utility. To the front of the dwelling is a gravelled carriage driveway with ample space for vehicles. There are areas of planting to the front of the site. Low brick piers mark the entrances to the carriage driveway. To the rear of the application dwelling is a garden which is mostly laid to lawn.

Proposed Development

This Heritage statement supports the planning application for - Replacement of timber windows and doors with black aluminium windows, doors and replacement of gravel driveway with block paving.

The existing windows and doors comprise of white timber frames. For maintenance purposes, the property owners would like to replace these to include black aluminium framed windows and doors, keeping the style of windows as per the existing. This in turn will enhance the modern character and appearance too. It can be seen, 3 Oxford Close have installed white UPVC windows, eliminating any reason to retain timber framed windows within Oxford Close. There are a number of dwellings alongside Bedford Road that have installed Black / Grey aluminium windows. We believe our proposal is keeping with the character of the surrounding area.

The existing gravelled carriage driveway is to be replaced with block paving for maintenance and upkeep costs. Driving onto the gravel can potentially develop ruts and holes which will likely to fill with water and create dangers to the vehicles. As of this, these would need to be filled and maintained frequently. We propose to replace this with permeable block paving as per the neighbouring dwellings on Oxford Close. The front driveway will retain a mix between soft and hard landscaping.