

Heritage, Design and Access Statement

Swimming Pool at The Old Farm, The Green, Ampport, Andover, SP11 8BA

Applicants: Mr and Mrs Cavalier

Introduction

The application is to install a 11m x 4m ceramic in-ground swimming pool in the vegetable garden of the Old Farm. The Old Farm is a listed house, with listed barns (granaries and the Cob Barn). The works do not impact on any listed buildings or existing structures (eg walls). The quality of the design is paramount and as such the applicants are opting for a ceramic finish. The pool will be surrounded by stone coping and a matching patio. The location is to the west of the garden without proximity to other residential properties. The nearest boundary wall is with the school, although it is not overlooked.

Listed building details

The Old Farm (Grade 2):

House. Early C19. Brick and slate. Symmetrical front (north) of 2 storeys, 3 windows. Hipped low-pitched roof, brick dentil eaves. Painted brick wall in Flemish bond, end pilasters set-in from the corners, stone wedge lintels, plinth. Sashes in reveals. Plain door opening, with a stone moulded canopy on brackets, fanlight, and 4-panelled door. Other elevations of flint, with brick quoins, bands at lintel and cill levels.

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Large granary 20 metres South West of The Old Farmhouse (Grade 2):

Granary. Early C19. Timber frame on 5 x 3 staddles (some missing). ½ hipped tile roof. Boarded walls. Listing NGR: SU3032944279

Granary 15 metres South West of The Old Farmhouse (Grade 2):

Small granary. Early C19. Timber frame on 6 staddles. ½-hipped tile roof. Boarded walls. Listing NGR: SU3032944279

Stable 20 metres North West of The Old Farmhouse (Grade 2):

Converted to dwelling known as The Cob Barn.

Stable. Early C19. Rectangular block with rendered walls (on cob with a flint base), and ½-hipped thatch roof. Hay loft door above lower door. Tile-hung upper east gable and all of west gable.

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The existing site

The site is currently used as a vegetable patch and has a couple of raised beds and fruit bushes (see photo). These are surrounded by lawn and a large mature beech hedge (which will not be impacted).

The proposed works

The works will include ground works to create the hole and to flatten the surrounding lawn. Excess ground/soil will be removed from the site. There will be the addition of a small (0.5m) retaining wall and steps to allow for the flat lawn and pool. The ceramic pool is prefabricated and will be delivered to the site via the road access through the existing wooden fence. The pool will be installed and a stone patio will be laid. This is in proportion to the pool and the land. We are likely to add additional trees around the boundary for privacy and will reseed the lawn as required.

The works will not impact any listed buildings or structures within the garden. It will also not impact any mature hedgerows or trees. The pool will be closest to the Cob Barn and the Granaries (see plan) but the design is intended to keep it separate from both - as such we don't believe it has an impact on the special character of these buildings. We are also part of a conservation area but do not believe the proposal would have an impact on the character and appearance of the area. The site will not be able to be seen from the road/Green.

The design

The applicants have chosen a modern ceramic pool in anthracite to be both visually appealing and minimalist as is fitting for the location. The pool will be surrounded by coping stones and a proportionate patio, as well as lawn and simple planting. This is designed to emphasise quality and is sympathetic to the setting within the garden of a listed property. Please see photos included.

Existing access will be maintained.