

Design and Access Heritage Statement (PP-12555081)

Proposal: Replace existing softwood front door with dark brown composite door in keeping with the original design and matching previously installed windows.

Site location: 1 Northcroft Court
Lees Hill
South Warnborough
Hook
Hampshire
RG29 1RW

Design:

1. Context

We are applying for consent to replace our existing softwood front door with a modern composite product replicating the existing cottage style of the existing softwood front door in a dark brown wood effect. We are looking to have a small rectangular or square window allowing natural light to flow into the hallway thus preventing the need to have lights on during the day. This will have no impact to the aesthetics of the house nor the location within the conservation area.

2. Historical and architectural context

The non-listed property is located within the conservation area, built in 1982. The replacement door will have no impact to the conservation area governed by Article 4 Directions and will be in keeping with the original style.

3. Layout and location

The property is linked detached with No.2 with access to a further three properties and residents parking under the two linked properties. The property fronts onto Lees Hill and the footpath within the designated conservation area.

4. Design principles

The replacement door will be appropriate and sensitive to the conservation area with due consideration to maintaining the architectural character of the property.

The present door is not energy efficient and requires additional locks to ensure security of the property. The replacement product will preserve and enhance the appearance of the property, provide the required level of security and conserve energy.

The proposal will in no way change the existing scale of the building or the landscaping around it.

The proposal will benefit residents by improving the appearance of the property.

The replacement door will harmonise with the local environment. The door will be manufactured with the latest technology using thick Glass Re-inforced Plastic Skins, thus preventing cracking or delamination. The door has excellent thermal efficiency and due to the structure excellent acoustic properties. The product has

been tested to the latest tough standards of PAS24 with an estimated 25-year life expectancy. The door will be fitted with the very latest multi-point locking system listed in the association of British Insurers Guidelines tested to PAS24 standards.

The company that will replace the windows are a locally established firm who are FENSA registered. The new door will not only improve the energy efficiency of the property but also improve the insulation and noise suppression experienced as a result of the main road and the nearby RAF base. Other benefits include increased home security.

5. Access Policy

The proposed changes to the property will in no way impede present access.

6. Consultation, research, and planning approach

We wish to restore the property to look as near to its original appearance as possible adhering to Hart District Council's policy of good conservation practice and in so doing have referred to guidance in the Article 4 Directions and the Conservation Area Proposal Statement for South Warnborough.

Following further correspondence from Hart District Council, we have reviewed the Heritage Statement guidance document from Historic England and believe that this Design and Access Statement has sufficient information provided to negate a separate document [Working With Us | Historic England](#).

7. Justification of application

In the interests of energy conservation and security, a new composite door would benefit the householders and the community. The PVC-u frames are extruded in accordance with BS 7413 BS 7950 with a British Board of Agreement (No. 1576), because of this the supplier will guarantee them not to discolour, age, harden, crack or be affected by extremes of temperature. All mitred joints are reinforced with box section, extruded aluminium, or galvanised steel.