

The property site address is within a conservation area where permitted development rights are removed and therefore planning permission must be applied for to replace the existing broken front door.

The existing 1980's front door is constructed of aluminium frame with obscured autumn leaves patterned glass panels top and bottom.

The frame has become weak over the years and is coming away from the fabric of the door opening. When the door is closed it rattles in bad weather and is neither safe or thermally efficient. The safety of the existing front door has been further compromised as it was broken into with force recently and resulted in breaking the existing yale lock (the mortice lock is intact). Because the door frame is so flimsy it is not possible to replace this lock and a new safe door with optimum secure locking mechanism and thermal efficiency is urgently required.

The properties on Sotheron Road do not have uniform style victorian front doors as is befitting of the age and style of the mostly existing victorian and edwardian terraced houses. There is a very varied mix of style, age, colour and material with little consistency along the street scene.

I have been advised that it is more likely that a victorian design/style new front door would be acceptable in the conservation area and was given an example of a previously granted planning application ref. 18/01392/FULH to inform my choice of replacement front door.

As my existing door has been compromised I hope to be able to get the new door ordered and fitted as soon as possible for peace of mind and to keep in the heat as much as possible.

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