

Design and Access Statement

2, Bell Cottages, Outpart Eastward, Harwich CO12 3EN

Application reference: 24/00187/FULHH

We propose to apply external insulation to the north-east facing side wall only of this semi-detached cottage in the Conservation Area of old Harwich.

The insulation will be 50mm Celotex closed-cell foam.

We will then clad it with fibre cement lap weatherboard cladding made by Handieplank, colour light grey with a textured woodgrain finish.

Product information: <https://www.chelmsfordplasticwarehouse.co.uk/product/3-6-metre-weatherboard-plank/>

Work will all be carried out in accordance with the instructions from the manufacturers.

This is not a change of use, the building will remain a dwelling house.

We do not live there - we own the property and let it out. We would like to insulate the long side wall of the house to improve the energy efficiency of the building. This will help the tenants living there to minimise their heating costs and conserve energy for environmental reasons.

Change in appearance to one side elevation only (see drawings supplied herewith).

No change to the front face of the building on the street.

Minimal impact on the street scene and surroundings.

The wall concerned is hardly seen from the road (see photo supplied with online application) and it overlooks only a yard area used for storage which we ourselves own (leasehold) and the blank side wall of the Harwich Haven Pilot house building adjacent.

Visually the proposed materials will fit sympathetically into the character of old Harwich and of this sector of the Conservation Area.

Susan Lewis 14.2.24