

Design and Access Statement

Ref: Headmore Farmhouse Headmore Lane Alton Hampshire GU34 3ES

Context

This Design & Access Statement accompanies the submission of an application for a free-standing greenhouse to be installed within the rear garden of Headmore Farmhouse, a detached residential property. The dwelling is located within the South Downs National Park and it is therefore important the design and materials of the proposed greenhouse are of the highest standards.

Amount

The proposed greenhouse has a total floor area of 22.59 m².

Scale

The greenhouse measures 3.54 m wide by 6.38 m long with an south facing lobby and cold frames extending 1.2 m. The greenhouse has a ridge height of 3.460 m and a roof pitch of 45°. The dimensions of the greenhouse are proportional to the residential property and available space.

Use

The greenhouse will be used by the owners of Headmore Farmhouse to grow and overwinter a variety of flowers, fruits and vegetables. The greenhouse will have no impact on the current use of the land, which will remain as residential garden.

Layout

The greenhouse is to be situated in the private rear garden of Headmore Farmhouse. The site of the proposed greenhouse has been carefully considered, it being in a secluded part of the garden close to existing buildings to minimised impact on the wider setting.

Appearance

The proposed greenhouse is to be built using polyester powder coated aluminium, designed to replicate a traditional timber structure. Features of traditional greenhouses which have been incorporated into the structure include slender glazing bars, a steep 45 degree pitch of roof and a relatively low eaves height.

The structure is designed to sit on plinth walls and these are to be constructed in brick to be in keeping with those of the main dwelling and ancillary building. The structure is to be coloured Woodsage (RAL 7032), a soft muted green shade which will complement the existing brickwork and which will blend harmoniously with the surrounding planting. Both these choices have been carefully made to ensure the greenhouse is sympathetic to both the surrounding garden and the wider area.

The use of aluminium as a material has been deliberately chosen by the owners as not only does the overall design give the appearance of a traditional painted timber structure but also as the material will not deteriorate over time which would otherwise cause the greenhouse to detract from its wider setting.

Being primarily made of glass, daylight can pass through the majority of the structure, minimising its impact on any glimpsed views from neighbouring areas.

Access

The greenhouse is for the private use of the owners of Headmore Farmhouse. Access to the property, whether vehicular or pedestrian, is unaffected by the development, placing no adverse impact on the Green Belt from pressure of parking or traffic, or pollution.