

Summer House @Silverwood

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1: Summer House.

Proposed new single storey summer house ancillary to the main house and located within the domestic curtilage of Silverwood House. The summer house is for the sole use of the occupants of Silverwood house and is to be used for recreational purposes. The Summer House will also be used for storage of garden furniture during the winter seasons and associated gardening tools.

No services apart from electricity will be required as this will be a non-habitable space.

The Summer House will therefore be 'off-grid' being solely supported by the solar panels located on the roof, which has been pitched and angled to maximise its location on the site.

The site is bounded by a row of shrubs, mainly brambles but this will be extensively planted as previously consented in our application P0002/21/FUL. The building is circa 4m away from the boundary at its closest point.

Design Statement

The Summer House

The owner's intent, is to develop a summer house for the sole benefit of the occupants of Silverwood House.

Sustainability

The intention is to develop the Summer House using sustainable products, to develop the build to meet or improve on current building standards and to overall reduce the carbon footprint of the building.

Heating will be required to provide a background environment to avoid mold, dampness and provide a general healthy standard of space to use from day to day. Heating will be via electric radiators, sourced from solar panels located on the roof of the Summer House.

Solar panels will also provide a level of resilience and a further option to improve energy generation. The solar panels will also feed into the main development further supporting a green approach to the site.

Minimal external task type lighting will be necessary but again will be supported by the solar panels and battery back up as part of the 'off-grid' proposal.

Surface water will be managed through a soak away system and can also provide additional water supply for the adjoining field.

A small log burner will also be provided to provide supplementary heating and ambiance. We currently purchase kiln dried hardwood from Woodgate Sawmills in Coleford as our local sustainable supplier and we will continue to do so.

Materials palette

The external envelope will be of profiled metal sheeting to echo the agricultural vernacular in the surrounding area. These panels will be coloured Anthracite to match the other architectural elements within our demise and will blend into the tree line as part of our original approved application, of which we have made a substantial start.

The roof will match the walls to blend in as a single unit and provide a waterproof skin wrapping around the façade.

Windows will be wood painted anthracite to blend in. The bi-fold door will be repurposed from the original garages from the property and again painted anthracite to match in with the remaining architectural treatment. The front doors will be timber barn style doors clad in profiled sheeting to match the agricultural feel.

Location and landscape

The Summer House, once the landscape has been established and planted will not be visible to any neighboring property and will be in a secluded and private location bounded only by trees and fields.

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