



Application for the permission to replace a timber-built summerhouse at 16 Glendyne Way, East Grinstead.

16 Glendyne Way, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4LS

Design & Access Statement

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Prepared on behalf of Mrs L Gray

Introduction

Crane Garden Buildings have been commissioned to prepare a planning statement on behalf of Mrs Gray in support of an application for planning permission for a timber-built summerhouse to replace an existing summerhouse.

The application site is located within a private domestic garden setting exclusive to the use of 16 Glendyne Way.

Site & Surroundings

16 Glendyne Way is situated to the east of East Grinstead. The proposed summerhouse is to be located in the rear garden of the property.



16 Glendyne Way.

Proposal

Erection of a 2.4m x 3.0m summerhouse of timber construction in the rear garden of the property, overlooking the owners private garden. The summerhouse will replace an existing summerhouse and will be for ancillary use as a space for the owner to relax in the garden and to enjoy their art related hobbies. The garden is well established and enclosed by wooden fencing. The summerhouse will be installed on a steel base which will be laid on top of the existing paved area.

The existing summerhouse measures 1.8m x 1.8m and is 2.36m in height (Shown below)



Photo of existing summerhouse.



Site plan showing the proposed location of the summerhouse marked by the black octagon.

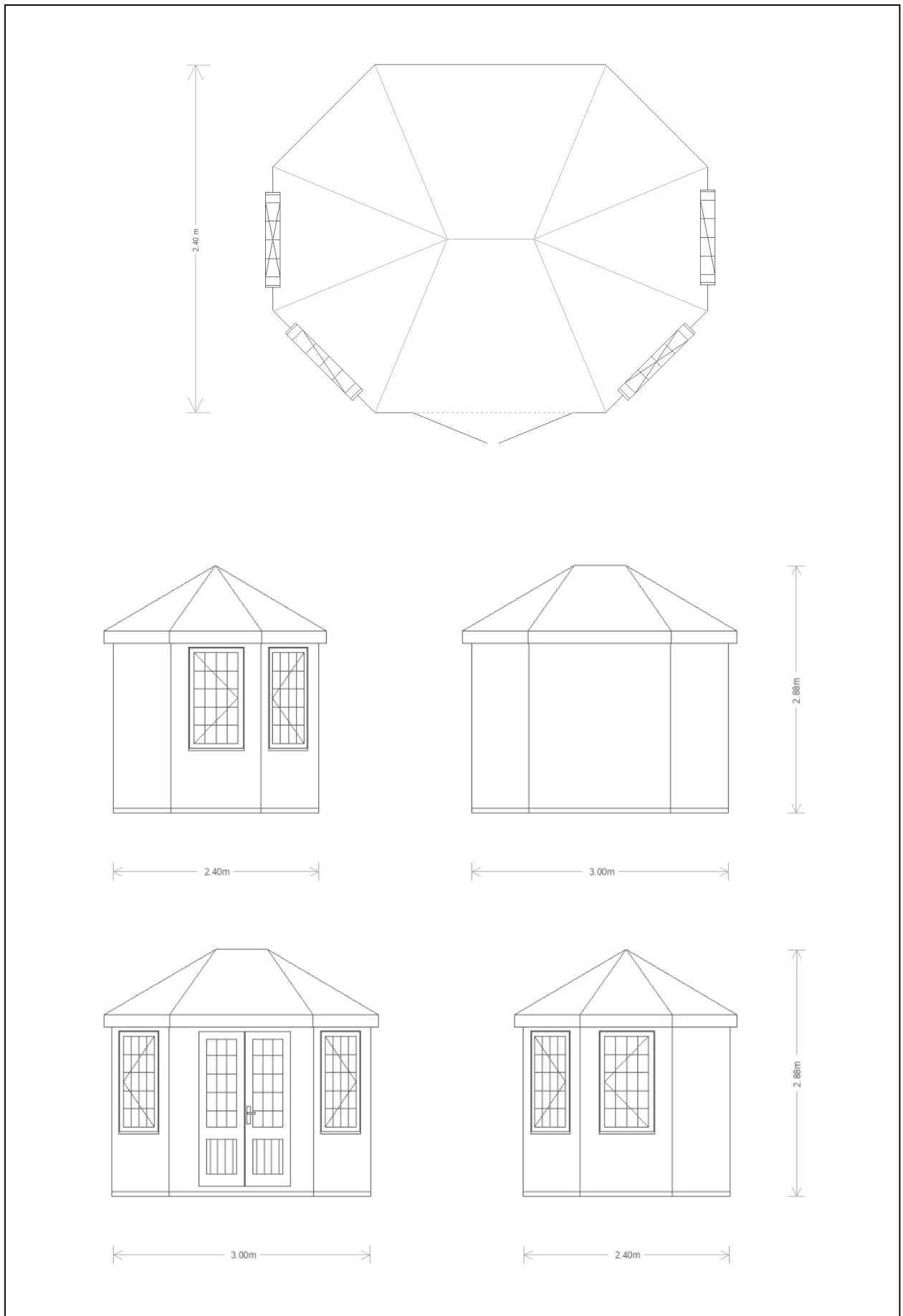
The proposed 'Wiveton' summerhouse is of octagonal design and will be clad in Swedish Redwood shiplap cladding painted in 'Lizard'. There will be double doors to the front of the summerhouse which will be semi-glazed with leaded windows. There will also be leaded windows to each side of the doors. The hipped roof will be covered in cedar shingles. The cedar shingles will age over the course of around 6 months and will weather to a silver/grey colour. All materials are sourced from sustainable sources. The building will be manufactured and installed by Crane Garden Buildings, who is an FSC certified company.



Example of a similar summerhouse in the same size, colour, cladding and roofing.



Example of a summerhouse showing the cedar shingle roof tiles when weathered.



Drawing of the proposed summerhouse.

Crane Garden Buildings Sustainability Statement

Crane Garden Buildings has been dedicated to supporting the environment and the local community since its inception in 1974. Our buildings have always been built to the highest quality with longevity in mind. Our skilled craftsmen make our buildings from the framing to the individually made doors.

The Crane family's dedication to the environment and the community doesn't end with our buildings, it's engrained in the way we do business. We pride ourselves on being transparent as we continually work towards a greener and more sustainable future.

Our Materials

We have been carefully selecting high quality, certified timber for 50 years. We have developed a strong partnership with a timber mill in the North of Sweden where Scandinavian Redwood is slowly grown for more than 130 years. To gain certification we submit to Soil Association audits for Chain of Custody to ensure the timber is traceable, and grown in forests that are managed sustainably. Our timber mill will also be subject to the same audit to qualify for the certification.

We also only use water-based paints with Trace, Minimal, or Low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds). VOC is what causes the strong smell emitted from oil and solvent based paints as they dry. Our own Crane Exterior paint system as well as our supplier, Farrow & Ball, comply with our VOC requirements and do not test the paints on animals.

Waste

90% of all our waste is clean, untreated off-cuts of the timber we use to make our buildings. Most of this waste material is chipped up and fed into our state-of-the-art boiler which heats our workshop and offices for our employees through the winter months. However, some of this waste timber we use inventively to create new things like for instance, keyrings or we allow our local Men's Shed charity from Swaffham to periodically take waste timber for their projects. We are continually looking at ways to repurpose the high-quality timber off-cuts from our buildings. This means that only 3% of our waste is landfilled.

Renewable Energy

We had 80 solar panels installed on our factory roof in 2019, the energy we collect powers our entire workshop and office throughout the year.

People

We promise to commit to a better future for our environment, our employees, and the wider community. We have two employee-led groups committed to helping us keep that promise, our Sustainability Team, and the Citizenship Committee.

Our Sustainability Team has the task of developing new initiatives that will help us keep our promise to the environment. Their first major project is to create a new wilderness haven on our Narford headquarters site. Working with the local RSPCA this will incorporate key habitats for wildlife as well as a bird of prey release box that they will be able to use for releasing rehabilitated birds back into the wild. Working alongside the

Citizenship Committee the garden will include a walkway that aims to improve our employee's wellbeing in the workplace by giving them somewhere to exercise and take a break from their desks.

Our Citizenship Team focuses more on how we can give back to our employees and the wider community. James and Nick Crane have pledged 1% of turnover to charities or charitable causes each year. Our Citizenship Committee determine the allocation of this 1%. Since the formation of the Committee in 2022, the company has donated to Care for the Carers, The East Anglian Air Ambulance, The RSPCA in East Winch, Yorkshire Aid Convoy and the Swaffham Town Youth FC. We also use this money to fund in-house quality of life improvements, such as a nature walk at our HQ, bird feeders at our show sites, staff activity days and paid volunteering days.

Conclusion

This proposal seeks permission for the replacement of an existing summerhouse with a timber construction summerhouse within the rear garden of 16 Glendyne Way.

Overall, the erection of the summerhouse would result in no harm in respect of its location, design and use. The location within the enclosed garden setting would result in no changes to the surrounding area, harm to the local landscape or look of the local area.