

Design and Access Statement

Ref: 5 Bylanes Crescent Cuckfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5HA

Context

This application is for a $\frac{3}{4}$ span greenhouse to be installed within the curtilage of 5 Bylanes Crescent, a detached residential property.

Amount

The proposed greenhouse has a total floor area of 12.6 m²

Scale

The greenhouse measures 2.52m wide by 5m long. The greenhouse has a ridge height of 3.32m 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 5 Bylanes Crescent to grow and overwinter a variety of plants. The greenhouse will have no impact on the current use of the land, which will remain as residential garden.

Appearance

The proposed greenhouse is to be built using polyester powder coated aluminium, designed to replicate a traditional timber structure. The structure is to be coloured Bronze Manganese (D2525). The plinth walls of the greenhouse are to be constructed of brick to match the house and neighbour's garage which will mellow quickly and attractively. 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.

Consideration has been made when designing the greenhouse to ensure that the street scene is not completely altered. An example of this is the wall that is to replace the main door of the existing garage. This is to be built of brick to match the main building and surrounding properties to ensure it is in keeping with the wider setting. Whilst the wall will be blank, it does offer a space for potential plant growth that would seek to enhance the front garden space and overall view from the front of the property when vehicles are not parked in the driveway that currently and will continue to allow three vehicles for off-road parking.

The owners of 5 Bylanes Crescent have chosen to replace the existing garage to enable them to utilize the currently under-utilized garage and help to enhance their garden space through propagation and overwintering of a plants. The structure has been designed sensitively with neighbours and surrounding properties in mind; the existing garage to be replaced is set back from the front elevation of the property, reducing the impact of the street scene.

We believe it is essential that the look of our structures is not compromised, and it is to this end that we have sought the advice of The National Trust and English Heritage over the past few years. This has resulted in our designing of profiles and features to enhance the aesthetics of our structures which has enabled us to obtain consent for greenhouses throughout the country in other sensitive areas, including AONBs, Conservation Areas and the New Forest & South Downs National Parks.

On a further note the National Trust Architectural Panel have worked with us designing a glasshouse to their specification at Vyne, a grade 1 listed garden in Hampshire. They have also chosen Alitex to work with them in other sensitive gardens throughout the UK.

Access

The greenhouse is for the private use of the owners of 5 Bylanes Crescent. Access to the property, whether vehicular or pedestrian, is unaffected by the development.

Existing Photos

