

Response to concerns:

1. Solar panels and ASP

I am more than happy to screen the ASP.

2. Therapy pool

I will ensure this is not visible from Ockley Lane or by my neighbours.

3. Windows - I am very keen to maintain the character of the original 19th century barn. As such, I have ensured that none of the window proposals involve widening.

South bedroom – I can make the window entirely wooden to address concerns. I am currently looking to use an alternative provider to do this. They can also offer wooden windows with metal (painted) exterior to increase longevity. These have the same appearance externally as the all-wood windows. Please let me know if this would be permissible? I am currently discussing the feasibility of side opening windows, to ensure that I can reach the handle to open and close them. As you know, my disability means I can't open the existing windows.

Kitchen – I can understand the concerns raised with this window. I cannot open the windows in the kitchen. To address the concerns, I will talk to my current provider to determine side opening options. The windows in the living room are 1.3 metre tall. To ensure consistency, the kitchen windows could be at a comparable height with side opening windows. Let me know if this would be permissible?

North bedroom – I can remove this window from the application to allay concerns.

4. Painting

When The Old Malthouse was converted in the early 2000's, the east facing wall of the narrow portion of the building was constructed with breeze block style bricks (see photo).



As a consequence, it was clad with wooden panelling (unpainted). Neither the The Barn nor the The Old Granary required cladding.

Using historical photos left by the previous owners (see below), it seems the cladding was painted brown in the early 2020's, presumably without planning permission.

On conversion, early 2000's:



In 2007, after garden design:



In 2020, after new patio and before enclosed porch installation:



In terms of the wider Ockley farm, there are no wooden clad buildings that have been painted brown. There is a mixture of weathered black cladding and unpainted wood. These are apparent on google earth (see photos). The brown paint was not the original conversion finish and seems inconsistent with the wider estate. If you feel black paint, is not in keeping, are you able to suggest an alternative?

