

Heritage Services Team response

APP/20/01104

3 Swan Close, Emsworth

Proposal:

Proposed porch extension and roof mounted solar panels

The site is located in a small cul-de sac of detached bungalows located off King Street in Emsworth. The application property backs onto Chichester Harbour and is within the boundary of the Emsworth Conservation Area.

Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires planning authorities, when considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a Conservation Area, to have special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of that area.

The works relate to a new porch extension on the front / north elevation and also the introduction of roof mounted solar panels on the south, west and east facing roof slopes. on the replacement balcony balustrade on the rear elevation.

Several other properties in the nearby locality already have solar panels on south facing slopes. With regards to the impact on the designated heritage asset, that being the Emsworth Conservation Area in this case, it is considered that the level of potential would be low. However, this would be subject to the acceptability of the final design. This is specified on the plans to still be determined by a specialist subcontractor. Overall the proposal is considered is considered to meet the test to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area, subject to a condition being included on any planning permission which requires further details of the design and finish.

Conclusion - No objection

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