

9. Heritage Statement

1. The Setting

The property is one a block of four three storey town houses, situated within the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and the Emsworth Conservation Area To quote from the Conservation Area Appraisal:-

“...Emsworth has retained its historic character of a small, Georgian harbour side town, with a unique waterside atmosphere within the area and that is a popular place for living, recreation and sailing and related waterside activities. The majority of later 20th century development and since, on infill sites and back land within the Conservation Area, has managed to ‘fit-in’ without detriment to the environment...”

The block of four houses was constructed in around 1967 on what is believed to be former agricultural land, possibly a piggery. The group faces west across the open water known as The Mill Pond. The rear faces a brick wall which is the boundary of the South Street Car Park.

2. Significance

The group of four houses can not be said to be contextual in its relationship to adjacent buildings to the north and the south but It is a good example of the style of its period - low pitched roofs, exposed cross walls and full width infills of window and weatherboarding to the front elevation and similar vertical infills to the rear elevation.. Over the years the original windows have been amended, the vertical boarding has been replaced by varying types of plastic horizontal boarding and some of the balustrades to the front first floor balconies have been amended. At the rear, three of the houses have had ground floor extensions. The house which is the subject of this application is to have a similar extension.

3. Design Concept

The new rear extension will align with those of the three other houses in the block and will be finished in rendered blockwork with modern glass balustrades to the flat roof terrace and the relocated external stairs.

The windows and sliding doors will be double glazed in dark grey aluminium framing, with large clear panes, as appropriate to the style of the house. Externally the proposed cladding will be dark grey slatted composite cladding over new external insulation.

We consider these to be appropriate interventions to the original building.