

Design and Access statement, 55a South Street, Havant.

At the rear of the property, an area that was previously overgrown and used as a dumping ground for garden waste has been cleared to produce a large open area partially concealed between trees and bushes. It is proposed to use some of this space to house a climbing frame for the children to enjoy. The climbing frame will be constructed out of timber to complement the surrounding environment where it will be placed.

The climbing frame consists of two main towers joined via a connecting bridge. The larger of the two towers has two platforms at 1.4m and 2m, whereas the smaller tower has a single platform at 1.2m. Although raised, there is very little impact on the neighbouring property (55 South Street), as the boundary is currently a low brick built wall. At the end of the garden, there are two large trees which block the line of sight to and from the garages in Juniper Square. The addition of a bamboo screen will also help to conceal the view into and out of the garden from the climbing frame as well as enhancing the area within the garden of the property which has been cleared of all waste. The grounds of Bosmere school are opposite the front of the house from where the proposed new structure cannot be seen. The other neighbour (55b South Street) has several tall bay trees at the end of their garden adjacent to the bay and [what?] tree within the boundary of 55a South Street. Collectively this creates a tall and thick shrubbed area which restricts the view into and out of the neighbouring property even from an elevated position.

Access to the proposed structure is via pedestrian routes only either through the property (including the garage) or via the side access gate. There will be no changes to access as a result of the proposed development nor to allow the proposed development to occur.

The final finish will be a timber climbing frame which is with a suitable timber protective paint in harvest gold colour. The structure will be secured to the ground using ground anchors bolted to the main supports. No foundations are required and therefore there is minimal disruption to the root systems of the surrounding foliage. For safety, the ground area under the climbing frame will be covered in a rubber mulch bound together with a resin similar to what is found in public playgrounds.

In addition to the above structure, it is proposed that new render is applied to the original rendering on the property to replace the current textured finish to a smooth finish which will then match the finish that was proposed for the recent extension at the rear of the property (APP/19/00574). This will be painted white in keeping with the current colour on the existing render. Previously on this application it was proposed that the gable of the extension was to be rendered. However, this has been reviewed and it is now considered more appropriate to tile the gable to complement the tiled areas that are present on the original property to continue the style around the whole building. As above, no additional access to the property will be required to complete the rendering of the property.

Having studied the St. Faith's list of buildings of local interest and conservation area maps (see below), there will be little impact on the heritage for the local area. The site is not marked as being within an area of high, moderate or low archaeological interest and the intention for the new structure to blend with the existing environment will ensure the local

character of is maintained. The new render will improve the current finish which is cracked in places and clearly aging whilst maintaining the character of the property and the site. The property has not been highlighted on the townscape map as having any significance. The boundary wall at the front of the property has been identified as important but will not be compromised by the plans which affect the appearance of the main dwelling on the site and the rear garden. There are some important trees showing on the townscape map which are not all present any longer. An application was made to fell a row of conifers to clear the space and to maintain the other trees present in the area (APP/19/00835). There is no requirement to alter the vegetation surrounding the site to complete this development.





