

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/16/01220

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/16/01220

Address: The Court House, 51 West Street, Havant

Proposal: Listed Building Application for internal/external alterations and side extension to convert four residential units into five; new garden boundary treatments and removal of small section of low boundary wall facing Brockhampton Lane.

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Comments

Principal Conservation Officer No Objection

The former Court House is a grade II listed with the earliest parts of the building dating from the 16th century. The first floor front facing room which was used as the magistrates court until the 1800s is also of particular interest. The exterior of the building largely dates from the 19th century.

The site is also located within the Black Dog Conservation Area . I have the following comments on the proposals.

- The building is currently unoccupied and its condition is starting to deteriorate. Therefore the suggestion that the building will be is use once again is fully supported. There are large areas of damp problems and the guttering has failed at a number of points.
- The principal of a small extension to allow for stairs to the eastern elevation would be acceptable. It appears from the submitted design that the height and materials proposed will ensure this is in keeping with the host building and the surrounding area.
- Internally the majority of works appear to be appropriate to the building and will not harm its historic fabric. Following some investigation the timber frame will not be altered or harmed as part of these proposals.
- The new staircase that would be open to the former courtroom would ensure the open and significant character of the room is preserved.
- There are some incongruous windows and doors to be replaced and altered as part of these

proposals. This is a welcome addition to the application which will enhance the appearance of this listed building.

To conclude these very modest proposals would have little impact on the architectural and historic interest of the listed building and similarly the conservation area. In fact the very run down condition of the property detracts from the character and appearance of the area and the application proposals would ensure a significant upgrading and enhancement of the property and area.

Conditions:

1. Materials to be submitted (for small extension and boundary wall)
2. Window details
3. 1:20 Details of new staircase into the court room