

APP/14/00701 - 7 School Lane, Emsworth

This property forms one-half of a semi-detached property with slate roof and poorer quality fletton brick facings. The intended extension is of modest proportions, located to the side and set back from the main street frontage. It immediately abuts the boundary with the neighbouring property (no.6 – The Old School House). I am able to confirm there is an error on the townscape appraisal map, since the boundary comprises a fence and the garage associated with no.6. There is therefore no conflict with an historic boundary wall.

From a conservation/design perspective the proposal is acceptable. It will not have any significant impact on the character of the conservation area. In most circumstances I would seek matching materials. The circumstances here are a little different given the quality of the existing face brickwork. I suggest it would be more appropriate to seek a better quality facing brick of complementary tone. I advise if planning permission is granted the submission of sample materials is made conditional with an appropriate informative to guide the applicant.

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