

APP/14/00880 – Southleigh House, Eastleigh Road, Havant

The proposal affects an area of modern truncated corridor link which historically has been severed but never properly tidied up. This is something the current tenants, Snell, have inherited and required by their landlord to rectify. The specification for the work has been produced by the landlords surveyor.

There is no doubt the current proposals would improve the current unsightly situation which is plainly evident from the submitted photographs. It would be better still if the services, shown to be encapsulated by the oak clad protrusion were to be fully concealed within the new brick screen wall. While what is shown is acceptable in listed building terms, I can not help but feel it is a missed opportunity to do something better at what is likely to be minimal cost. I feel this is something worth pursuing but ultimately is a matter of negotiation.

The site is well away from existing trees. A new service run is required for the roof drainage but in the area indicated it would fall well outside any root protection zone. The sole determinant in my view is therefore the end visual appearance. I have taken some photos which illustrate the broader context which may assist you.

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