

Application No. APP/13/00830

Address: 23, South Street, Havant PO9 1BU

Comments

I feel there is scope for re-orientating the building. However the proposed design is not acceptable. It is far too fussy and does not relate to anything on the site or in the vicinity. There is no reason to slavishly follow the current housing but there should be some fluidity and architectural unity,

I attach a quick illustrative sketch to show a possible acceptable solution. The roof is simplified to a simple hip roof. I have retained the two dormers in the centre as they provide some variety and give important light to the first floor landing. I have added brick chimney stacks which have local townscape value and reflect development on the rest of the site. I have simplified the palette of materials removing the rendered upper floor and using facing brick throughout with a string course. The quality of materials should follow the benchmark so far establish e.g. timber windows, slate or plain clay tiles etc.

The sketch is purely illustrative but is intended to provide a positive way forward.

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