

Snell
Southleigh Park House
Eastleigh Road
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Heritage Statement

The building relating to this application is minor part what would have been a large country manor house. The main building probably dates back to mid Victorian era. The main manor house building was surrounded by numerous elaborate and substantial outbuildings which would have been used to run the estate and local farmland. They were mainly constructed of flint walls with contrasting red brick coins. Amongst the ancillary buildings were an ornamental water tower, now demolished, a cleverly styled gate lodge house with an octagonal facade a walled garden and numerous other landscaped features. The buildings have all been extensively altered and modernized when previously owned by Plessey and the MOD. A new large commercial office block and car park has been constructed post 1970. The whole site now serves as a commercial premises currently occupied by The Snell Corporation.

The building requiring repairs was believed to formerly be a Dairy/Cold store room. The existing stone shelf with drip channel is still in good order. Some of the windows originally had shutters of some description which would allow a ventilation flow for cooling/drying. Non of these remain. Although the building is an octagonal shape with masonry in brick and flint to match the existing buildings, it has no great heritage value other than being an interesting structure. The building serves no purpose and is there is no proposed use for it other than a small safe storage for several bicycles if required. The existing roof is currently softwood machine cut timber at 4" by 2" and had no real architectural merit. It is currently in very poor order and requires a new roof structure to maintain it status.

The proposal is to reinstate the roof to its original condition as seen on the aerial picture circa 1970. The building will remain as a naturally ventilated & un heated structure.