Sinah House, Ferry Road, Hayling Island

New Front Wall – Design Statement

Much time has been spent considering the design and location of the front wall as it is felt that it is a crucial element in the improvement of this property. A landscape architect, Dee Stamp, has been consulted at length to get her expert view on the idea of setting the wall back and including a planting scheme in the plans. Her view is that setting the wall back and incorporating the suggested bed would look "fiddly, fussy and wrong".

We remain firm in our view that setting the wall on the boundary is the correct approach for the following reasons:

- We are aiming for a utilitarian coastal feel for the property.
- We wish to have a clarity of design which is unfussy and appropriate for the coastal location.
- We are avoiding a planter as we feel it will look municipal and we do not want to collect rubbish from the adjacent car park.
- We have chosen to follow the continuity of the built line on the south side of our property and feel that doing anything different will result in a hotchpotch of different designs.
- Investment in a natural material to build the wall rather than, for instance, rendered blockwork means that the wall does not need to be softened with planting because it will already have integrity.

The picture below shows a paddlestone wall of the type and style proposed, which we hope will illustrate what we are trying to achieve.

