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16 Bridgefoot Path,
Emsworth,
PO10 7EA

Heritage Statement – 16 Bridgefoot Path, Emsworth, PO10 7EA

Site Context

This proposal site is a brick built, terraced and two storey dwellinghouse located on the east side of the Mill Pond and located within the Emsworth Conservation Area and within the Chichester Harbour National Landscape. Bridgefoot Path is a narrow, pedestrianised lane. The rear garden is modest in depth, with a fenced boundary and limited visibility from public vantage points.

Proposed Works

This proposal comprises a proposed loft conversion with front and rear dormers, a front bay window and a detached outbuilding located at the end of the garden.

Impact on Heritage Asset

Front and Rear Dormers - These dormers are modest in scale, set down from the ridge and up from the eaves, thereby remaining subservient to the roof slope and sympathetic to the character of the building and its context. The design reflects that of the neighbouring property at No. 15, based on their approved application (APP/10/01022). All materials used will match the existing property and ensuring a uniform appearance across the terrace and minimising visual disruption to the roofscape.

Front Bay Window - The proposed bay window to the front elevation, which is similar to the design, scale, and detailing of the existing bay at No. 15. Given this direct precedent and the cohesive appearance, it provides to the terrace, the bay window is considered an enhancement that respects the established architectural rhythm of the street frontage.

Outbuilding - The detached outbuilding is proposed at the end of the rear garden. It will have a flat roof, with doors and windows facing towards the main house. Although the garden is compact, the structure is proportionate and leaves adequate amenity space. This would have limited visibility within the context of the conservation area.

Conclusion

The proposed works have been carefully designed to respect the character and setting of the existing property, the Emsworth Conservation Area, and the wider Chichester Harbour National Landscape. The loft conversion, including modestly scaled dormers, remains subservient to the roof form and uses matching materials to preserve the terrace's visual integrity. The proposed front bay window draws on a direct architectural precedent within the terrace, enhancing the street scene and maintaining cohesion. Finally, the detached outbuilding is proportionate to the garden and discreetly located, resulting in minimal visual impact. Overall, the proposal represents a sensitive and appropriate enhancement to the site with minimal impact on the heritage significance of the surrounding area.

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