



Design and Access Statement

Proposed removal of existing garage, pier and gates to provide open driveway to Lawnside, 2 Stow Park Circle, Newport. NP20 4HE.

Proposal

Design and access

The proposal is to remove the existing garage, pier and gates to provide an open driveway within a wider scheme of landscaping. The works will involve installing paving slabs to match existing and constructing a stone wall to separate the driveway and garden. This would increase manoeuvrability and easier access to the dwelling. The proposed alterations will improve the interior/ exterior connection and reduce overshadowing to the snug/study room. Installation of metal sliding gates and new railings to the top of the existing boundary wall will provide a more secure dwelling whilst also benefitting the street scene.

Materiality

The driveway is to match the existing paving slabs and the wall separating the garden/ driveway will be of stone to match the existing boundary wall. The architectural treatment of the proposal is sensitively designed to match the local vernacular in terms of design, details and materials.

Landscaping

The proposed landscaping layout to the garden of Lawnside will be adapted as indicated on Landscaping Concept Plan. Hedge screening plants will be provided to the existing single storey extension and proposed wall to emulate the leafy green character within the conservation area.

The removal of vegetation growth from the existing boundary wall will be implemented within the proposed works to improve the condition of the wall and the overall aesthetic of the street scene.

Opportunity for enhancement

The removal of the existing garage and gates has the potential to improve the character of the conservation area by removing a poorly constructed modern intervention. The existing garage obscures the original house to the South West facing elevation and reduces the open space surrounding the dwelling. The existing brick garage detracts from the street scene and increases the sense that it is a rear elevation rather than a prominent corner plot.

Conclusion

The proposal will improve the way in which the house can be accessed by the current and future occupants of the dwelling. Appropriate, high quality materials will be used in the works designed to complement the existing house detailing. The proposed accords with the long term vision of the conservation area as it identifies an opportunity to enhance the conservation area.