



Heritage Impact Statement

Removal of existing detached single storey garage with associated works to the access and boundary treatment to Lawnside, 2 Stow Park Circle, Newport. NP20 4HE.

Objectives

The removal of the garage, piers and gates is to increase manoeuvrability and accessibility for the occupants to park vehicles and access the dwelling. The proposed alterations will improve the interior/ exterior connection and reduce overshadowing to the snug/study room. The architectural treatment of the proposed extended driveway, wall, re-constructed piers and railings is sensitively designed to match the local vernacular in terms of design, details and materials.

Significance within the conservation area: Stow Park

Lawnside contributes to the streetscape as it intersects Stow Park Circle loop and has split views to the South East and South West. They have been identified as important views on Stow Park Conservation Area Appraisal as the mature trees hide the corner of the villa and opens up to the south west emphasising the elevated position of the semi-detached townhouses.

Lawnside has been identified as a positive contributor within the conservation area appraisal with its position and presence within the streetscape mentioned above and its prominent gable ends, ashlar dressings, bay windows and tall chimney stacks.

Assessing the impact of the proposals

It could be argued that the existing garage is a detracting feature that alters the ratio of buildings to open spaces and therefore its removal would better reflect the character of the conservation area. The modern garage is no longer fit for purpose and the opportunity to replace it with a new sliding gate and re-constructed piers that align with the existing boundary wall and public footpath/road using contextual materials would enhance the 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. The new metal railings painted black is to replace the assumed missing decorative ironmongery that would have adorned the existing boundary wall.