

Heritage Statement

The Old Parsonage, Butchers Hill, Shorne, Nr Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3EB

Proposed orangery extension on the southern side to replace the existing conservatory and proposed kitchen extension to the north side of the house.

The proposed conservatory will replace the existing timber framed conservatory which is in need of extensive repair. The orangery will be on the same footprint as the conservatory at the front of the house and will extend at the rear between the south-western wall of the house and adjacent pool house.

The orangery will be of modern design and materials being of grey finished aluminium frame with double glazed glass panel windows. The roof will be flat and finished in a dark grey single ply membrane with zinc sheeting used to the roof overhang and eaves and forming a hidden gutter.

The orangery is to have a slightly raised roof height to the rear and close to the pool room to give more internal height and this will be enhanced by the change in floor levels inside the orangery to provide a better feeling of height. Currently there are two steps down at the rear of the conservatory so this change in floor levels will be incorporated into the orangery to assist in providing this feeling of greater internal height.

The use of extensive glazing and slim structural posts with a slim roof structural will provide a modern link between the house and pool room that doesn't detract from the tradition features of the main house. The roof is at a height where it will be above the brick arch to the ground floor windows so that the arch can be seen from inside the orangery. The feeling of a lightweight structure linking the two existing buildings is carried through to the rear of the orangery which is to be extensively glazed with narrow framing.

The kitchen extension is to adjoin an existing extension, replacing the current timber garage, on the north side of the house and is designed to be in keeping with the facing brickwork, tiled roof and the pitch of the existing side extension. At the front and to the north side of the house there is an existing wall which will be incorporated into the extension. Behind this wall is a timber frame and timber clad garage which doesn't contribute to the house in any way. This will be removed and replaced by the kitchen extension and so this side of the house is enhanced by this extension.

The Listing description for the house is as follows:

Heritage Category:

Listed Building

Grade:

II

List Entry Number:

1083892

Date first listed:

27-Aug-1952

Date of most recent amendment:

26-Jul-1983

Statutory Address 1:

THE OLD PARSONAGE, BUTCHERS HILL

Kent

District:

Gravesham (District Authority)

Parish:

Shorne

National Grid Reference:

TQ 68978 71054

*TQ 67 SE SHORNE BUTCHERS HILL 2/135 27.8.52 The Old Parsonage
(formerly listed as the Old Vicarage) II*

Rebuilt in late C19 as replica of C18 building burnt down. Red brick to all elevations. Clay roofing tiles. Painted timber eaves.

Rectangular with roof hipped at both ends.

Front of 2 storeys with attic storey above. Central doorway with pilaster, pediment, semi-circular fanlight and 6 panelled door with raised and fielded panels. Flight of 5 steps up to doorway. Four sash windows with glazing bars to ground floor, 5 sash windows with glazing bars to first floor. Two dormer windows with hipped tiled roofs. Brick modillions below painted timber eaves.

Listing NGR: TQ6897871054

The proposed extensions have been discussed and considered through a Pre-application process and the details of the design and the materials proposed have been fully discussed.

Impact on the listed building

The proposed orangery replaces an existing conservatory. The conservatory is a traditional shape and design timber structure, however, it's in poor condition with many leaks through the roof glazing and it's also virtually unusable for most of the year either being too hot or too cold as there is just the glass and minimal timber frame which has no ability to insulate against outside temperatures and solar gain.

The proposed extension will use modern glazing technology to provide maintain the internal environment by insulating against outside temperatures and solar gain. Insulation will be incorporated into the roof and floor of the orangery. Renewable technology will be used to warm and cool the internal space. So the orangery extension will provided a much more useable extension which is modern and which

doesn't detract from the features of the main house and uses modern technology in the type of glazing and heat pumps to control the environment.

The kitchen extension is to the north side of the house and with the front slightly set back from the building line of the main house. It replaces a timber garage which is of no architectural merit and therefore will enhance this side area of the house as well as provide a kitchen of appropriate size and facilities for a house of this size. The materials will match the existing side extension.

Both proposed extensions are considered to be complementary to the existing building.

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