

SUPPORTING/DESIGN STATEMENT FOR A PROPOSED EXTENSION TO :
13 NORFOLK ROAD, LITTLEHAMPTON.

13 Norfolk Road (Mellow House) is a terraced house dating from the mid 19th century in part of Littlehampton known as Beach or Beach Town and is located within the Littlehampton Seafront Conservation Area.

Originally it formed part of a larger dwelling with No 11 but was sub-divided later that century to form two separate dwellings.

Accommodation is over four floors and like many houses of this type, accommodation can be somewhat 'top heavy' and the disproportionately small ground floor living accommodation ill-suited to the lifestyle preferred in the 21st century. A small kitchen/diner in the back room and further small utility annexe provides access to the garden. Both these areas are far from adequate and are disproportionately small for a house of this size. Additionally there is no provision for a downstairs wc.

Immediately behind the kitchen area is a narrow strip of hard standing currently accommodating a coal bunker. This area is characteristically dark and dingy even in mid summer, overshadowed as it is by next door's (no 11) two storey extensions.

It is our intention to provide a new kitchen/dining area by combining the utility annexe with this hard standing area whilst opening up the old kitchen dining area to provide a much need family living area more appropriate to present day lifestyles. Large French doors would provide light and a greater connection to the remainder of the garden. This light and airy room would be further enhanced with the addition of a large rooflight. The existing kitchen area would become a utility room with a new wc.

In order to facilitate this development it would require the removal of an ivy hedgerow that runs along our southern boundary. This hedgerow is formed from a single serpentine stem running alongside an original brick boundary wall. There are signs that the sheer size of the ivy are already damaging the supporting wall and unless steps are taken very soon the wall may be in danger of collapse. We would of course replace the hedge and any fencing required with new planting/fencing more appropriate to it's setting to help soften the boundary.

The proposed extension would be constructed from timber framing with brick cladding which would be painted white to match the existing house and boundary walls. The glazed door sets will be of a 'Heritage' style metal frame painted dark grey or black in keeping with a period home and the conservation area. The proposed flat roof would incorporate a large double glazed rooflight and a 'green' roofing system installed to provide an attractive surface when viewed from above whilst reducing run-off during times of heavy rainfall.