

Church House, Church Hill, Slindon, West Sussex BN18 0RB

Design & Access statement

Introduction

Church House is a Grade II, 4 bedroom Georgian rectory. In 1986, planning permission was granted for a double garage to be built within the gardens.

We are expecting our third child at the end of March this year, and have 2 pairs of grandparents who live several away. They wish to visit us often and as such we need to form an additional bedroom for them in the double garage, which we currently only use for storage.

Design principles

There will be no change to the external appearance of the building. When we have guests, the existing two pairs of garage doors would be opened, revealing two pairs of glazed French doors. This will enable us to retain the one existing window to the west elevation and still provide a light bedroom.

Internally, the room is to be fitted out as indicated on the attached drawings SL/01/01-05. It is considered important by our freeholders, the National Trust, that the works be simply reversible. To this end the design has been rationalised to make it as simple as possible. A pair of French doors forming a second skin behind the existing double doors, and a studwork partition to create an en-suite shower room form the major components of the works, with the requisite insulation and drainage works required to meet with Building Regulations.

The bathroom fittings are positioned to enable the simplest connection to existing foul drainage in the driveway.

In this way, removal of the French doors and shower room studwork could return the room to a, albeit fully insulated, garage at a later date.

Access

There will be no alteration to the access to the building.

Appearance

There will be no alteration to the external appearance of the building. Please refer to photographs 001.

Summary

With all the bedrooms in the house soon to be occupied, and being fortunate to have very caring grandparents, this simple alteration to an out building will be of enormous benefit to our family when they come to visit.