

The Grange, Church Hill, Slindon, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0RD

Proposal to put wooden bar gate into existing empty gateway.

Design and Access Statement
Listed Building Consent Application

The objective of this proposal is to replace a gate in the currently empty gateway entering The Grange from the main road, Church Hill, on the the house driveway. The need for a gate in the empty gateway is a priority to to ensure the safety of the three young children (ages 2,5 and 7) who have recently moved into the house. The driveway and front doors and front garden currently have no barrier to stop the children going directly out onto the road. The primary objective is therefore to ensure that they can safely get out of the car and enter the house as well as move freely in the area at the front of the house and in the driveway.

The intention of the design of the gate is to reflect the existing character of the house and gardens and to appear in a very similar style to the other gates on the property so that the new gate is in keeping with the character of the existing fencing and gates which currently fit well in the conservation area and within the grounds of the house. Therefore we have proposed that the new gate is a new oak hardwood hook estate style gate with pedestrian side gates. The other gates on the property are also hook estate style gates in oak. We have selected Bank House Electric Gates as their wooden estate style gates hide all electrical components in such a way that the gates look authentic and appropriate for a country property such as this.

Access for the gate has been considered by ourselves with experience and advice from the gate company (Bank House Electric Gates). The key objective for access is to ensure that cars and vans can safely pull off the road before the gate opens. Therefore the gateway has been set back 1 metre onto the property giving a recess to allow this. The pedestrian gates on each side (one fixed one hinged) will allow access for the usual pedestrians entering the property without needing to open the main gate.

Four oak gate posts will be installed next to the existing gateway and set in solid concrete footings with a single 4 metre wide hardwood Hook style estate gate and two matching pedestrian gates. The gate will be a metre in height. The gates will be hung on the new oak gate posts using heavy duty adjustable hinges. The automatic sensors will be set into the driveway surface so that they will not detract in anyway from the character of the property.

Please find attachment

1. photo of the existing currently empty gateway.
2. computer generated image of the proposed gate and pedestrian gate.
3. photos of the other gates on the property to show consistency of the new blending with the existing gates.