

Planning Advisory Group: Report to Walberswick Parish Council

Planning Application ref: DC/16/1539/FUL  
3 Millstones, Millfield Road Walberswick IP18 6UD

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1 The application relates to the construction of a porch (externally measuring approximately 3.05m x 2.2m) to the northwest street facing elevation to 3 Millstones. An existing window will be removed and the opening infilled to accommodate the new porch.

2 The property is located within the Walberswick Conservation Area. Nos 1-3 Millstones are described collectively in the Conservation Area Appraisal as forming “a large rambling villa of c1900 (illustrated on the 1904 OS Map). Pebble dashed elevations, with single storey painted porch and wing. Red pantile roof. Prominent red brick chimney stacks to gable ends”.

3 The elevation to which the porch will be attached has a quiet, understated quality. The existing front door has a simple canopy supported on interestingly detailed timber brackets.

4 In the opinion of the Planning Advisory Group, the scale and form of the proposed porch, with its prominent gable end, would not sit well on the existing façade. The detailing of the porch is unexceptional and does not reflect the character or detailing of the building to which it will be attached, nor to the strong early 20<sup>th</sup> century character of Millfield Road. The existing canopy will be lost.

5 The Walberswick Conservation Area Management Plan, under Section 13 of the Appraisal, notes the importance of ensuring that incremental change does not degrade “the special architectural and historical interest of the Conservation Area”. Section 10 of the Appraisal, ‘Proposed Enhancements’, states that “The addition of porches and dormers facing onto the streetscape should be discouraged”. On this basis, the Group considers that the porch would not make a positive contribution to the Conservation Area and is not acceptable.

