

Planning Advisory Group: Report to Walberswick Parish Council

Planning Application ref DC/18/4800/FUL

Alterations and Restoration, Fair View, The Street, Walberswick IP18 6UB

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1 Opinion

The Planning Advisory Group has no objection to the application.

2 Comment

.1 Fair View is the middle house in a terrace of three opposite Fishers Garage. The group has a typically late Victorian character with bay windows, red brickwork contrasting with gault brick pilasters and arched lintols, and a black clay pantiled roof. The terrace is noted in the Conservation Area Appraisal as contributing positively to the character of the village

.2 The two adjoining houses, Fern Cottage and Beach View, retain their original appearance, but Fair View has been significantly altered to the detriment of the group: aluminium windows, plastic guttering and the insertion of an overscaled dormer window have undermined the character of the existing house. Most conspicuously, all brickwork has been painted white, obliterating the details described above and undermining the visual coherence of the terrace.

.3 The intention is to reorganise the plan within the existing footprint and to restore the exterior of the house to its original appearance. Aluminium windows will be replaced with hardwood frames and sashes, cast iron gutters and downpipes will be reinstated and the large dormer window at second floor will be replaced by a smaller, more carefully detailed construction. The white paint will be stripped from the brickwork which can then be repaired and repointed as necessary.

.4 Fair View is located on one of the busiest routes of Walberswick leading down to the sea and, together with its neighbours, makes an important contribution to the character of the village. The proposal to restore this small but significant house to its former state is to be welcomed.

4 During the past year the uncontrolled parking of contractors' vehicles has caused serious congestion in The Street, threatening to obstruct the passage of emergency vehicles. Before consenting to the application, a statement is required from the applicant showing how construction traffic will be safely accommodated.

5 A member of the Planning Advisory Group declared an interest in the application and did not take part in this review.

