Design statement for alterations to existing out buildings at 2 Fielding Avenue, Twickenham TW1 5LY August 2024

The location and site:



Number 2 is a semi-detached two-story house built in the inter war years. It sits on a long L shaped plot with a generous side access driveway. This driveway also services the garages of the Staines Rd houses to the north and two detached houses.



Looking west along drive, number 2 on the left



Looking east along drive, number 2's summer house on the right and garages of Staines Rd houses on the left

The outbuildings are a white rendered summer house with a pitched roof, behind that is a garage built in block and to the rear of that is a timber shed. The buildings where erected at different times and sit at odd angles to each other with different roofs.

Proposal

The proposal is to alter and extend the garage building and integrate the two buildings and eliminate the gaps between and form a more cohesive group which picks up the detailing of the neighbouring brick garage to Fielding Close House. The front wall of the garage will be rebuilt in brick similar to the neighbouring garage with brick on edge coping on two courses of creasing tiles to match. This wall will wrap over the west wall of the summer house to support the raised roof. The back wall of the garage will be rebuilt and raised to the height of the ridge of the summer house. That way a flat roof can be formed over the garage and part of the summer house. The west slope of the summer house will be altered to form a valley to the front corner and the existing roof tiles reused.



Neighbouring garage

No changes to the west and north elevations of the summer house are proposed and just a small triangle of wall added to the south elevation up to the level of the ridge of the summer house. The site and the next-door houses have mature hedges and trees

which screen the outbuildings. No windows are proposed in the altered garage which will be lit by a new flat roof light.



View from number 2 showing mature hedges to next door and house to the rear.

Use of outbuildings

The applicants use of the building will remain unchanged.

The garage is used to garage a car or motorbikes. The summer house section is used for hobbies, home working and storage.

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