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Hi Gemma

I don't think the solar panels will affect the setting or be very visible in the CA or in views of the Manor. I see a neighbour has some. There are low profile versions on the market.

Windows:

This frontage was designed to have sash windows as those at Yew Tree House further west. I think the proportions would look odd as casements and they would probably cut out more light. Any window will look better recessed back in the opening. I have some quick photoshop images below showing 8 over 8 sashes and 2 over 2 sashes which both work well. I have also included a quick one for flush casements and 3 panes in each side opening casement looks better than two as the proportion is too tall.

Some flush casements are shown in the photos sent by the Applicant but there are also non-traditional stormproof casements and others that have odd projections which should be avoided.

It is important to get the proportions right.

Slimline double glazing looks better as does matt black spacers between the sheets of glass. Avoid a double cill (where there is a projecting masonry cill the windows should not have a projecting timber cill/where there is no masonry cill a projecting timber cill would be needed.

Cotswold DC guidance link: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/au2exqoh/traditional-casement-windows-cotswold-district-council-technical-and-design-guide-2013.pdf>



Recessing the windows and having some modelling of glazing bars and real sashes would really make a positive contribution to the house and the conservation area. I pasted some green ones as that is what I found when I did quick search.



White version



Changed the two windows on the right to show the proportions also work with 2 over 2.



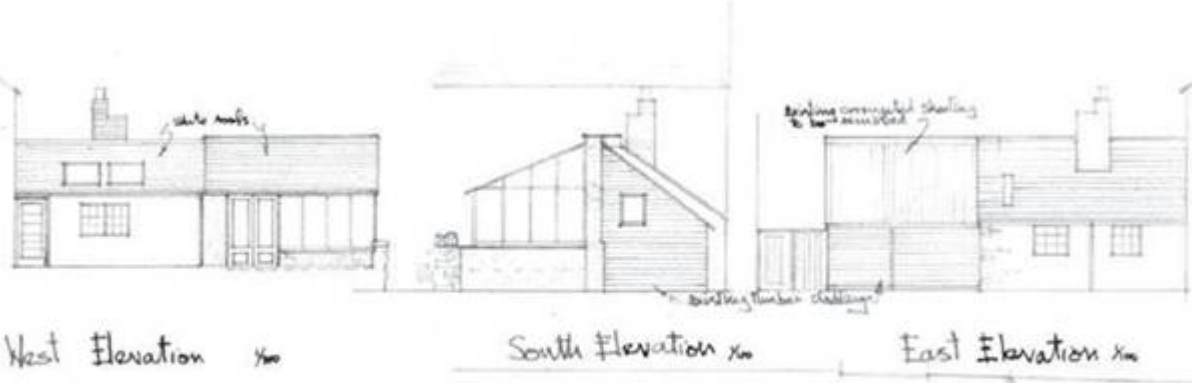
Flush casements with central fixed mullion – divided into 3 panes as dividing into two would result in too tall a proportion of glass.

ESD15: Successful design is founded upon an understanding and respect for an area's unique built, natural and cultural context. New development will be expected to complement and enhance the character of its context through sensitive siting, layout and high quality design. All new development will be required to meet high design standards. Where development is in the vicinity of any of the District's distinctive natural or historic assets, delivering high quality design that complements the asset will be essential

The proposed alterations to the extension are uninspiring and do not meet ESD15\* but it is well-screened by the looks of the photos and will not cause harm to the conservation area.

The internal section shows a rafter depth above the window but the elevation shows no gap between the slate? I think it would look better without these high level windows on the timber gable.

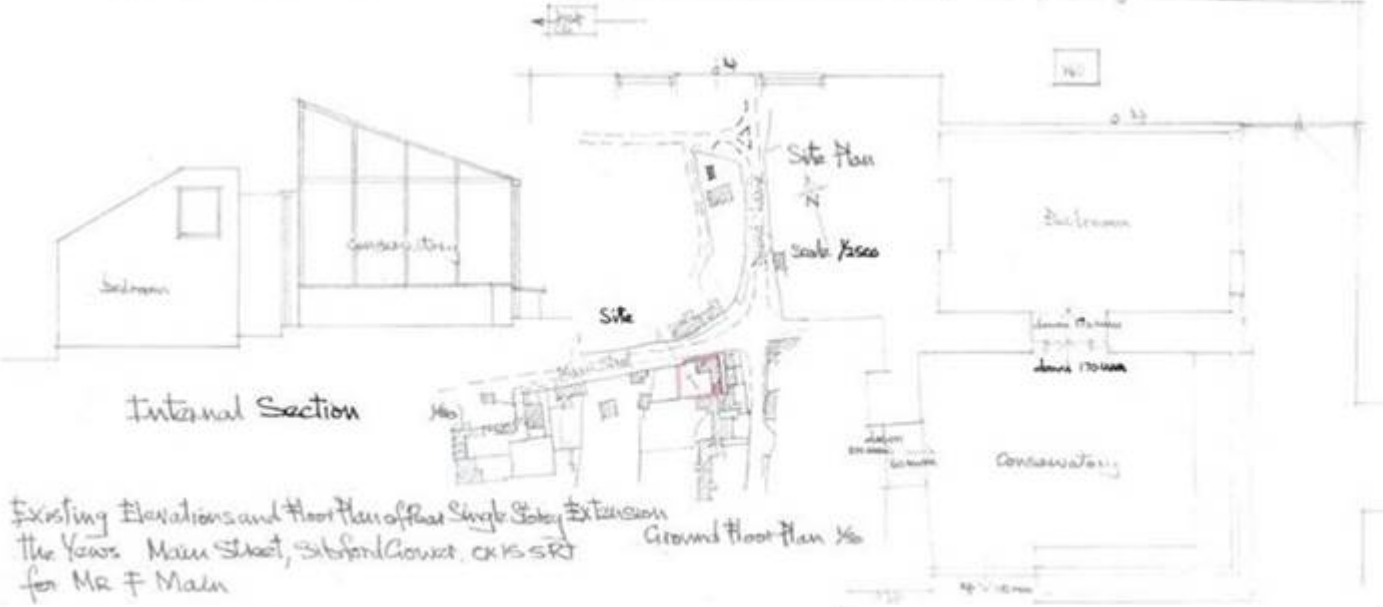
Are they raising and changing the pitch of the roof so that it follows the pitch of the roof closes to the house and thereby avoiding the awkward abutment that currently exists between the two roofs? If not they will need to be mindful of neatness on any abutment flashings.



West Elevation x/0

South Elevation x/0

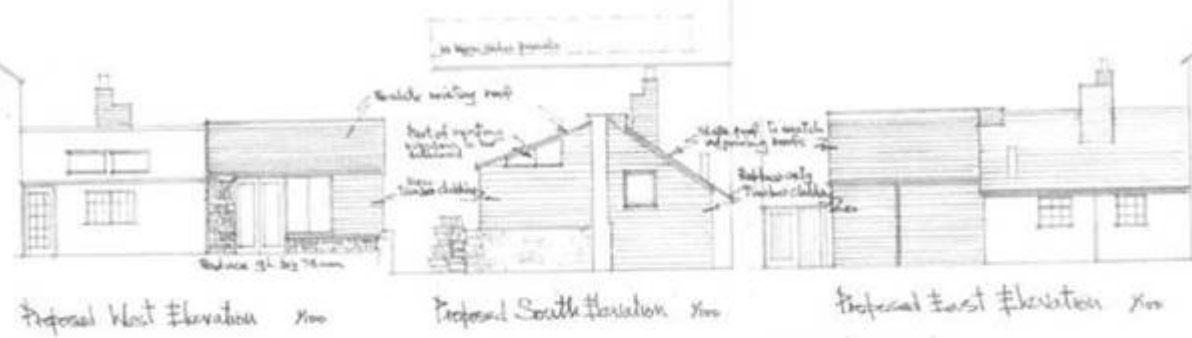
East Elevation x/0



Internal Section

Ground Floor Plan x/0

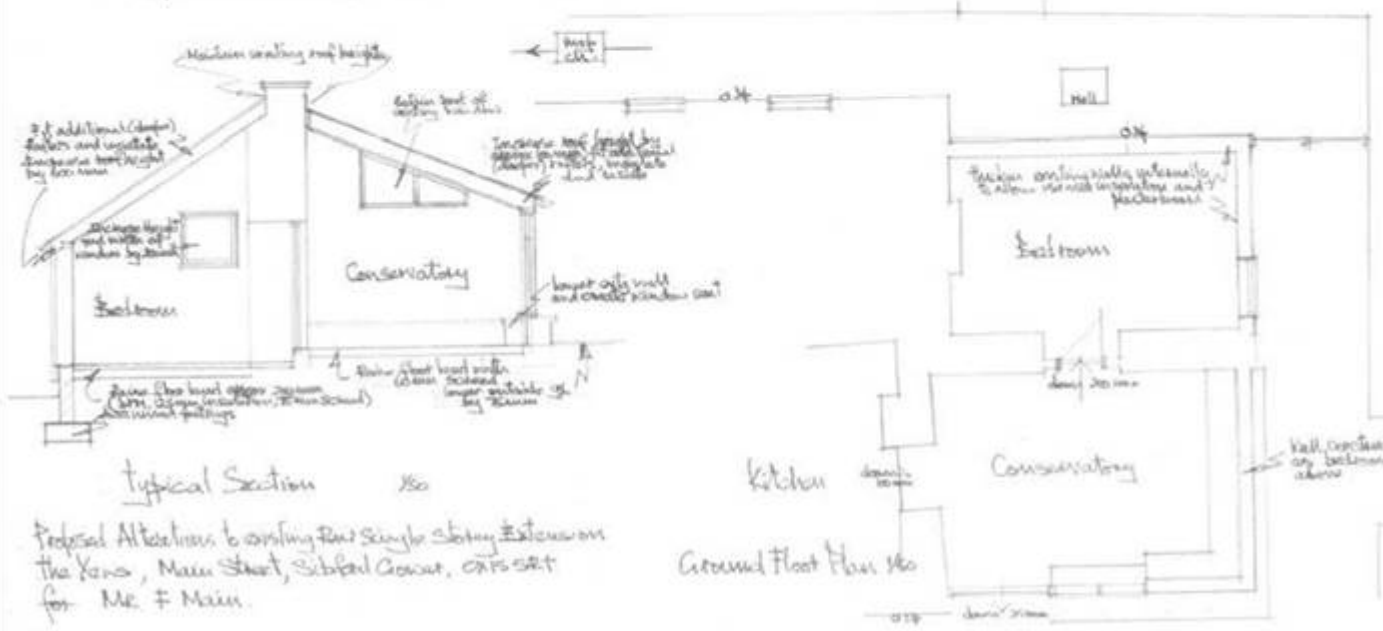
Existing Elevations and Floor Plan of Plot Single Storey Extension  
 The Yards, Main Street, Sibford Gower, OX15 5RT  
 for Mr & Main



Proposed West Elevation x/0

Proposed South Elevation x/0

Proposed East Elevation x/0



Typical Section x/0

Ground Floor Plan x/0

Proposed Alterations to existing Plot Single Storey Extension  
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 for Mr & Main

Best wishes

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