Application Ref: NP/14/0593

Application Type Listed Building

Grid Ref:

SM75392532

Applicant

Mr A Middleton, TYF Group Ltd Mr C Kimpton, CK Planning

Agent Proposal

Installation of external flue to accommodate new

biomass boiler

Site Location

1, High Street, St Davids, Haverfordwest,

Pembrokeshire, SA62 6SA

Case Officer

Rob Scourfield

Delegated status

This application falls within the provisions of the listed building delegation Direction awarded to this Authority by the Welsh Government on 25th July 2012

Summary

The application is reported to the Development Management Committee because the views of the City Council are contrary to the recommendation of vour officers

1 High Street is Grade II listed, situated on the east side of the street, where it abuts Cross Square. The property has a prominent symmetrical rubble-stone façade, and a rear yard entered off New Street.

Listed building consent is sought for the installation of an external flue to accommodate a new biomass boiler

The proposed scheme is considered to be in keeping with the character of the listed building, and its setting in terms of design and form. As such, the application can be supported subject to conditions

A consideration of accompanying works requiring planning permission is contained within the accompanying planning application (NP/14/0592).

Consultee Response

St Davids City Council: Objecting - to the scale and style of the flue, due to its likely detrimental visual impact on the surrounding conservation area.

PCC - Ecologist: No adverse comment

Public Response

A site notice was posted, letters forwarded to the adjoining occupiers and public notices placed in the press (Pembrokeshire Herald) in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012. No responses have been received at the time of this report.

Policies considered

As this application is for listed building consent, section 16 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires the local planning authority to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building, its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest. There is, therefore, no statutory requirement to determine the application in accordance with the policies of the development plan.

Welsh Office Circular 61/96 (Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas) is a material consideration, with guidance provided by *Conservation Principles for the Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment of Wales* (Cadw, 2011).

Officer's Appraisal

I High Street forms part of a short terrace, its façade of local rubble with small-paned sash windows, and a mid-C20 shop-front. It has a slate roof with large rubble-built gable chimney stacks. The rear wing has a similar chimney, and a lower gabled extension in line.

Relevant Planning History

- NP/422/92 Extension to replace existing facilities and alteration of access. Planning permission approved 22 October 1993
- NP/422/93 Demolition of substandard building extension alteration of access. Listed building consent granted 22 October 1993

Current Proposal

The proposal comprises the provision of a black-coated metal flue exiting the rear extension and abutting the gable wall of the rear wing to terminate 300 mm above the existing chimney stack.

A consideration of works requiring planning permission is contained within the accompanying planning application (NP/14/0592).

The proposal is considered acceptable in terms of preserving the architectural and historic character of the property, under the provisions of Circular 61/96 (Planning and the Historic Environment: Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas).

In terms of the objection by St Davids City Council:-

• The proposed flue is located to the rear of the property, its lower third contained within an existing building, where the biomass boiler is to be located. Externally, the flue exits the roof and follows the adjacent chimney breast and stack, terminating just above the latter. This appears to be a logical and discrete location, which will not be prominently visible from the rear yard/New Street. The flue diameter is relatively narrow at 200mm and its black finish will help it look much less prominent than conventional stainless steel.

In terms of Cadw's Conservation Principles:-

- 1. Evidential value. The proposal does not affect any evidential value, being a new component that is easily removable
- 2. Historical Value. The proposal retains the strong historic character of the property intact.
- 3. Aesthetic value. The discreet siting and design of the proposed flue has little impact on the aesthetic value of the property
- 4. Communal value. The building's communal value as a prominent town house/shop remains unaffected.

Conclusion

The proposal is considered to be appropriate in terms of size, scale and detail. It is considered to comply with the requirements of Circular 61/96, and Cadw's Conservation Principles. As such, the application can be supported subject to conditions

Recommendation

That listed building consent be granted subject to the following conditions:

- Timing of works (within 5 years)
- In accordance with approved drawings



