Heritage Statement – proposal to erect garage and car-port at 171 Heene Road

The site lies within the Shakespeare Road Conservation Area. The application relates to one of the closely-packed semi-detached properties that are described as one of the three distinct housing types in the area. The proposed development intends to meet the following architectural and landscape qualities suggested in the local Authority Character Statement: the use of red-brown/dark red finely pointed brick work to match as closely as possible the rest of the property and to be set back from the road sufficiently such that the profile of the garage does not interfere with the roofscape. The presence of the existing high brick boundary garden wall obscures the view of the greater proportion of the development from the street, rising at most no higher than 1m above the level of this wall, yet not high enough to interfere with the feature ridge of brickwork running around the property dividing the ground and first floors. In any case, the high side-gate of the neighbouring property plus the modest elevation of both properties above pavement level means that a side view of this extension would be obscured from the line-of-site of pedestrian traffic. The profile of the extension facing the street is less than 1m higher and no wider than the existing rectangular side gate but would be of a much higher quality of materials and construction.