

Planning Application Address - South Lodge, Kingston Road, Shalbourne, Wiltshire SN8 3QD

Design Statement

Context: The applicants bought South Lodge in February 2021 and having completed many internal renovations are now turning their attention to improving the garden. In 2024, a wildlife pond, small wild flower meadow, orchard and woodland were created. A greenhouse was built in 2025.

Proposal: The applicants propose to construct a traditional style oak gazebo overlooking the wildlife pond. The gazebo will be of a proportionate size to the property and garden. The gazebo will be made of oak in a traditional style to blend in with the natural landscape.

Location: The gazebo will be sited far enough from any boundaries so as to meet planning rules and not interfere with any neighbour's views. It is also located outside any existing tree Root Protection Areas as defined in BS 5837:2012, an area equivalent to a circle with a radius 12 times the stem diameter (or calculated diameter for multistem trees), measured at 1.5 meters above ground level.

Design: The design of the gazebo is inspired by traditional structures with a pitched roof, open roof apexes and balustrades. Concrete pads will be used for the foundations.

Each pitch of the roof will house 4 inline solar panels which will generate a significant amount of solar renewable energy for property, reducing the use of grid electricity and therefore carbon emissions.

The roofs will be finished with 2 rows and 2 columns of composite slate roof tiles that are manufactured from mineral-reinforced, 99% recycled and re-engineered materials. These tiles are made to create the same aesthetic qualities as natural slate. The tiles will sit flush with the solar panels.

Conclusion: The gazebo will respect the natural style of the far end of the gardens at South Lodge. It will enhance the garden's beauty and provide an accessible and practical space for enjoying the garden and its wildlife. The inclusion of solar panels will improve the ecological credentials of South Lodge by the generation of solar electricity.