# **Design and Access Statement**

# **Outside Store**

At Lowdales Cottage, Hackness, YO13 0JU

For

**Nick and Liz Burrin** 

### 1.0 The property, site and Planning History

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It is accessed via a lane which serves properties in Low Dale only.

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Photo 1
General View looking to the Site Entrance showing existing Stable

This document is to accompany a Planning and listed Building application, reference NYM/2023/0108.

The applications have been submitted following a Pre-Application Enquiry which obtained a positive 'in principle' response from officers.

#### 2.0 Proposals

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We noted the proposed Store on the last application was removed from the scheme. I would imagine due to the size and increase to the mass of the studio building and its impact on a Listed Building.

We have therefore looked at options with the applicants who are the new owners of the property to create storage in a sympathetic manner.

Our suggestion for your consideration is to construct a Store building on the Northeast end of the Stable. This building would form a return to the footprint and have an outline area of 34m<sup>2</sup>, very similar to the Stable.

This construction is intended to be stone and pantile to tie in with the Stable and continue the style.

As you will see from the following photographs it would be 'dug in' to the ground as the levels are high to the rear. This will automatically reduce/soften visual impact from the North.

The physical return created by the Store building would provide or create an obvious end to the built curtilage, reflecting the Southwest corner created by Lowdale Cottage itself.

Unlike the previously applied for storage which was attached to the Studio this building would be detached from the main structure with significant separation to prevent imposing on the setting of the Listed House.

It is also relatively modest with its height matching the Stable and overall dimensions being 8.2 x 4.2m, 50% of this being obscured by the existing building.

These factors would ensure the Store is subservient to the other buildings.



Photo 2 Stable viewed from the West



Photo 3
View from the North showing Stable Gable

### 3.0 Summary

We believe the proposal presents a positive solution to the general issues relating to Storage. It is clear that the area of habitable floor area on the site and area of land connected to the property creates a demand for storage.

Currently the Stable conceals the requirement but this is not sustainable for the future.

The Outline proposal has been designed to:

- Ensure separation from the historic fabric of the site
- Ensure subservience both visually and physically
- Provide an expected 'shape' to the built fabric of the site
- Provide continuity of type of material. However as the design is not finalised we could, if Officers were minded, keep the same footprint but use a contrasting finish of timber with profiled sheet roof or similar

We request your consideration of these details prior to our submission of a formal application.

A Heritage Statement has been submitted to deal with the location within the grounds of a Listed building and its curtilage designation.

# 4.0 Access

# 4.1 External

The Store is readily accessible from the existing path which serves the Stable.

Although there are small differences in ground level the area is generally level.

## 4.2 Internal

N/A



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to

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### 1.0 General Introduction

This document has been drafted to assist with the consideration of a Planning Application to the North York Moors National Park, for the creation of an external Store Building.

The requirement for a Heritage Statement is created by the property being a Listed Building.

Details are illustrated on drawings:

D12375-01A Location and Block Plan
 D12375-02B Proposed Block Plan
 D12375-03A Proposed Plans and Elevations
 D12375-04C Proposed Plans and Elevations

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Photograph 3
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2.2 Previous approvals of the site have allowed the older traditional buildings to become habitable accommodation thereby increasing activity on the site.

The refurbished former garage is shown on the right of Photo 3 and provides a high level of Living Space for the applicants' family.

The previous works have been carried out in a traditional manner and the photographs show how the use of natural stone and pantiles keeps the outbuildings compatible with the original property.

2.3 Liaison with the National Park Authority has taken place via a Pre-Application enquiry ref ENQ/19124, 6<sup>th</sup> October 22.

After due consideration of this request the Officer concluded that in principle the proposals could be supported subject to detail being provided.

## 3.0 **Policies and Influence**

This application is likely to be considered under the following Local Plan Policies: -

Strategic Policy C Quality of Design of Development

CO17 Householder Development
Strategic Policy I The Historic Environment
ENV II Historic Settlements

These policies seek to ensure that the quality of design respects the existing amenity of both the area and that of the host building.

This is particularly relevant when as in this case the Host Dwelling is a Listed Building.

#### 4.0 **Proposals, Impact and Mitigation**

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The use of Stone and pantile has been given a lot of thought. Our clients have examples of these materials having been used in the recent history with grand effect.

As previously noted, the Studio building and the Stables have both aged quickly in terms of the external appearance.

Both the Stone and Pantile have become subtle in appearance and give an 'as expected' backdrop to the Main House.

Therefore, consistency of appearance is our Clients' preference. As already stated, the new Store will form a return to the built extent of the site. The rest of which is stone and clay tile.