

EXTENSIONS TO SUSANNAH HILL COTTAGE, BROWSIDE, RAVENSCAR.

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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT.

DESIGN

Susannah Hill Cottage, although not listed, is the most prominent element of this isolated cluster of houses including Brow Cote, owned by the Applicant, and Brow Hill, both of which are grade II listed. Susannah Hill has previously been extended by modest and visually-subordinate additions, including the Dining Room lean-to against the northern gable, which received an NYMNP design award in 2010. Brow Hill was similarly altered in 2016, by the same designer, in “rationalised traditional” style, reinforcing the considered quality of the group.

The Applicant is in the process of acquiring Susannah Hill, whilst retaining Brow Cote, and therefore has a particular interest in continuing and protecting the established development’s scale and quality. Three distinct additions are proposed, each visually subordinate to the original building mass, and each repeating existing site elements.

The proposed kitchen extension is a small-scale lean-to, in the angle formed between the original cottage and its bathroom/ lounge projection. The roof and wall abutments preserve the dominant original lines, and the timber-framed and boarded construction clearly defines new from existing. The visual link to Brow Hill is intentional.

The proposed new entrance lobby, cloakroom and shower room, occupying part of the existing access passage, although offering significant improvement to the function of the house, has little external impact. The continuation of the existing office wall and flat roof simply extends the established element and will be invisible from outside the site boundaries. Ready access between Susannah Hill and Brow Cote would be via new stone steps, cut through the retaining wall, in the local hard-landscape tradition of tiered coastal villages.

The third proposal is for a new dormer to the rear pitch of the cottage roof, repeating the design of those on the seaward pitch. Again, this element would not be apparent beyond the site, and the common ownership of the immediately-adjacent property avoids any prejudice to neighbours.

ACCESS

The current access limitations imposed by multiple steps on the approach to Susannah Hill Cottage will not be addressed by this proposal, but will not be further complicated.



