

Design and Access Statement for 68 Main Street, Higham on the Hill

Introduction:

This Design and Access Statement presents the proposed plans for the renovation and adaptation of 68 Main Street in Higham on the Hill, incorporating accessibility features such as French doors for access to the utility room. The objective is to blend heritage preservation with modern functionality, ensuring inclusivity and convenience for all residents.

Site Context:

Situated in the heart of Higham on the Hill, 68 Main Street is a historic property contributing to the village's architectural charm. Surrounded by a mix of residential buildings, its location underscores its significance within the local built environment.

Design Approach:

The renovation of 68 Main Street seeks to maintain its historical integrity while introducing enhancements to accommodate contemporary living standards. Central to the design approach is the integration of accessibility features that enhance usability without compromising the property's character.

Heritage Preservation:

Preserving the heritage features of 68 Main Street remains a primary consideration in the renovation process. Original architectural elements, including the façade, windows, and roofline, will be preserved, restored and replaced using traditional materials and techniques. The design will complement the existing character of the building, ensuring a harmonious blend of old and new.

Accessibility Features:

In response to the need for improved accessibility, French doors will be incorporated into the design to provide seamless access to the utility room. These doors will replace existing barriers, offering a wider entrance and facilitating smooth movement for individuals with mobility aids or those requiring additional space to manoeuvre. The doors will be designed to blend with the overall aesthetic of the property, maintaining visual continuity while enhancing functionality.

Conclusion:

The proposed renovation of 68 Main Street embodies a commitment to heritage preservation and inclusivity. By integrating accessibility features such as French doors into the design, we strive to create a welcoming environment that honours the past while embracing the future. Through careful consideration of heritage significance and modern functionality, we endeavour to enhance the quality of life for all residents, ensuring that 68 Main Street remains a cherished landmark within the fabric of Higham on the Hill for generations to come.

