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Design & Access Statement

Re: Proposed Extensions & Internal Alterations to Elmside House, Allotment Lane, Shakerstone

Design:

The design concept for the whole considered the relative locations of the two parts. It also took into account the fundamental requirements of the client's brief. The brief was as follows:

- To provide an en-suite to the Master Bedroom at First Floor Level.
- To construct a new Utility room and allow the existing internal arrangements between the Hall and the Kitchen to be modified to provide a more usable space.

The aesthetic of the design was influenced by the location of each of the individual elements and the client's requirements.

The proposed new Utility Room is located at the end of Allotment Lane on the property boundary and it is likely that it will only be seen by the occupants of Elmside House. Never-the-less, the client wanted this extension to blend with the existing property as much as is reasonably possible. To that end, traditional construction techniques and traditional materials to match existing have been proposed. The style of the extension, pitched roof with gables, painted timber windows and doors, etc all match the precedent set by the existing building.

A different approach was taken for the new En-Suite facility at the rear of the property. The client's main requirements for this were that it should be:

- Contemporary.
- At first floor only to proved a covered area for the patio at ground floor level.
- Manufactured from timber.

The character of the en-suite is entirely different from the main house. The intention is to show that it is an addition and 'of it's time'. The alternative would be to mimic the style of the existing building and, because of its form and because it is at first floor only, this approach would be entirely inappropriate. In this instance, a structure that is built at first floor only should be constructed from more lightweight materials which fitted well with the client's instruction to use wood. To this end, the fundamental elements of the extension have been separated and the framed structure, solid panels and glazed panels are all individually identifiable. Because of this, the design has been modularised thereby allowing a degree of pre-fabrication which will minimise disruption during the construction process. The form of the extension is sympathetic to the form of the existing building, pitched roof and gables, etc. and in that respect does not seek to be overly challenging. In a rural setting and on a site well bounded by mature trees the form and materials will rest well.

Our client is a timber merchant and has access to high quality timber, which he intends to use as much as is possible.

Access:

The access arrangements will not be altered.