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Design and Access Statement

for proposed development at

The Barn, New Mills Road, Chisworth, Glossop, Derbyshire. SK13 5DJ

Proposal
Conversion of existing derelict barn into residential accommodation.

Assessment of surroundings
The site is situated in a rural location, within close proximity to the hamlet of Chisworth. Moreover, the surrounding area is subject to planning policy relating to the preservation of its special landscape qualities..
The barn has been derelict for several years and has been subjected to arson, theft and vandalism.

Evaluation of location and impact on scheme design.
The overriding consideration is to retain the present rural appeal of the vicinity in general, and to restore the site specifically. This will be achieved by adopting a minimalist approach to the development.

Design Components
The two bedroom dwelling will be contained within the existing structure. Overall the visual appearance of the original building will be retained. The internal layout utilises existing fenestration and access points.
Landscaping will be minimal, the path to and around the house will be reinstated and a loose hardstand area for two vehicles is proposed.
Materials used in the reinstatement / renovation will match existing.

Access
The design will incorporate suitable access for disabled people to the front entrance.
The site allows for an acceptable gradient to be achieved for wheelchair use.
Vehicular access is unchanged.

Summary

This is an unobtrusive scheme that respects its environs and rural heritage.