DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

for

PROPOSED DEMOLITION, RE-CONSTRUCTION & CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FOR USE AS OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH EXISTING BUSINESS AND DOMESTIC GARAGE

THORN HEAD FARM, TOM THORN, BUXTON

1 Introduction

1.1 This statement is submitted in support of the planning application as described above, for use by the applicant and his family in connection with their haulage business and dwelling at this address.

1.2 This application has been submitted by David Sutherland Architects on behalf of Mr. Robert Hadfield.

2 Application site and previous use

2.1 The site of the proposed office/garage was previously occupied by a building which, it is understood from High Peak officers, was classified as an agricultural building and garage. However, the 'agricultural' part of the building had been used for many years for the storage of domestic paraphernalia and in practice therefore, there is no effective loss of any active agricultural space resulting from this proposal.

2.2 The proposed building has been constructed on the footprint of the original building, using matching materials. The earlier building was in an extremely poor state of repair, effectively necessitating its demolition and reconstruction in order to obtain proper use of it.

3 The Proposed Development

3.1 The proposed building is a single storey construction, built of pebbledashed blockwork with a dark blue, profiled steel sheet roof of approximately 16 degrees pitch. Windows and doors are of mid brown upvc.

3.2 The site slopes by approximately 500mm from east to west and fronts on to a track within the ownership of the applicant. This access track also serves the fields beyond the building, the haulage depot and the applicant's dwelling.

3.3 The building will be used by the applicant and his wife in connection with the administration of their family owned haulage business. The domestic garage to the eastern end of the building will be used to accommodate their car, their house being situated on the opposite side of the access track facing the building.

4 Access

4.1 The existing access to the site will be retained, unaltered.

4.2 Designated parking spaces for the building have not been provided as the applicants live on the site.

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