

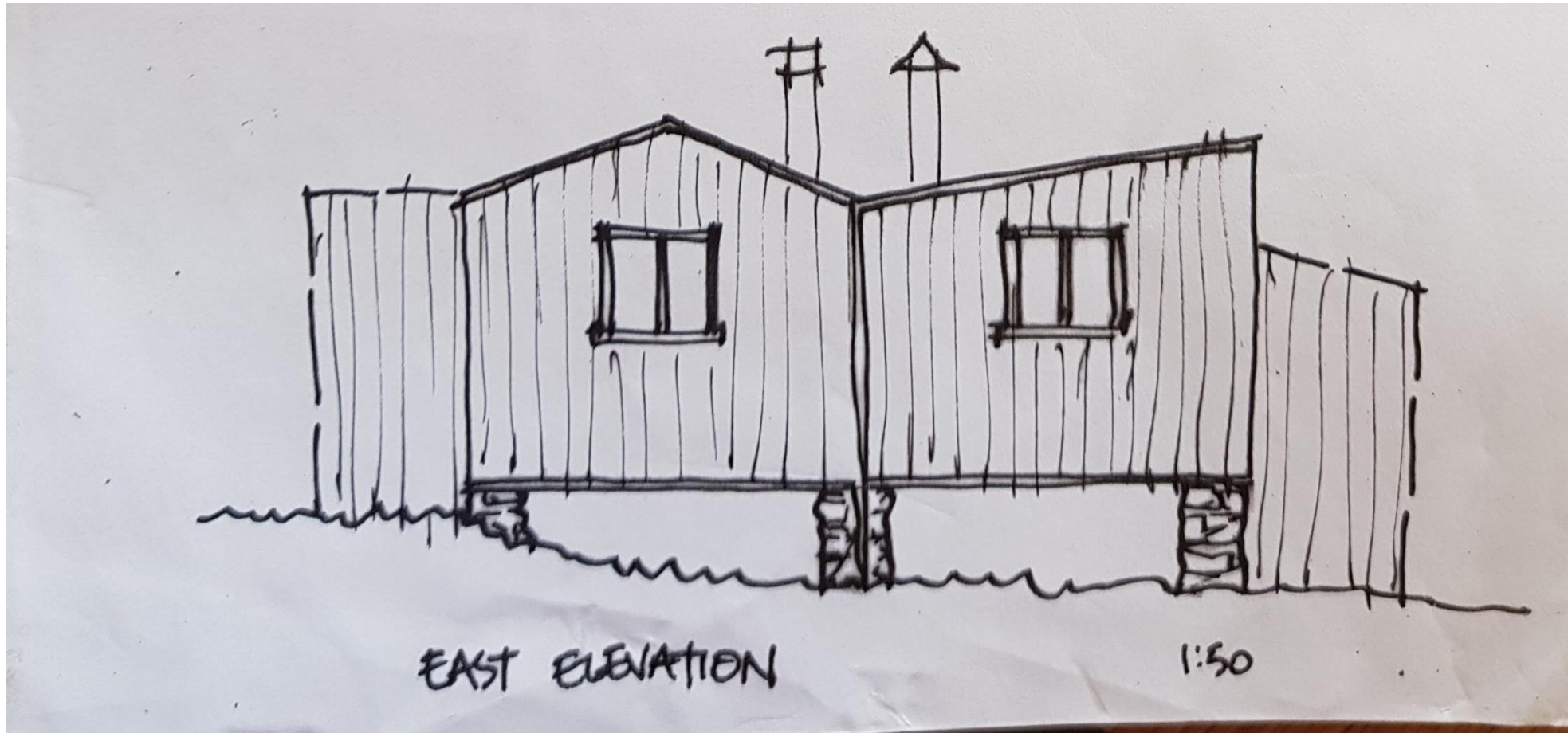
## Restoring the old existing shed and removal of current sheds....

On purchase and inspection of the land I discover that there was a dilapidated barn/shed which is shown on the plans in point X above. From old plans and photographs, I was able to establish what the barn/shed looked like and that it needed a lot of work to rebuild. I expected to need planning permission to restore this building. Below is a photo (Fig 36)



Fig. 36

This drawing shows the original layout of the shed from and East Elevation



This drawing shows the original layout of the shed from a Plan Elevation with the WC which is still connected to a septic tank.

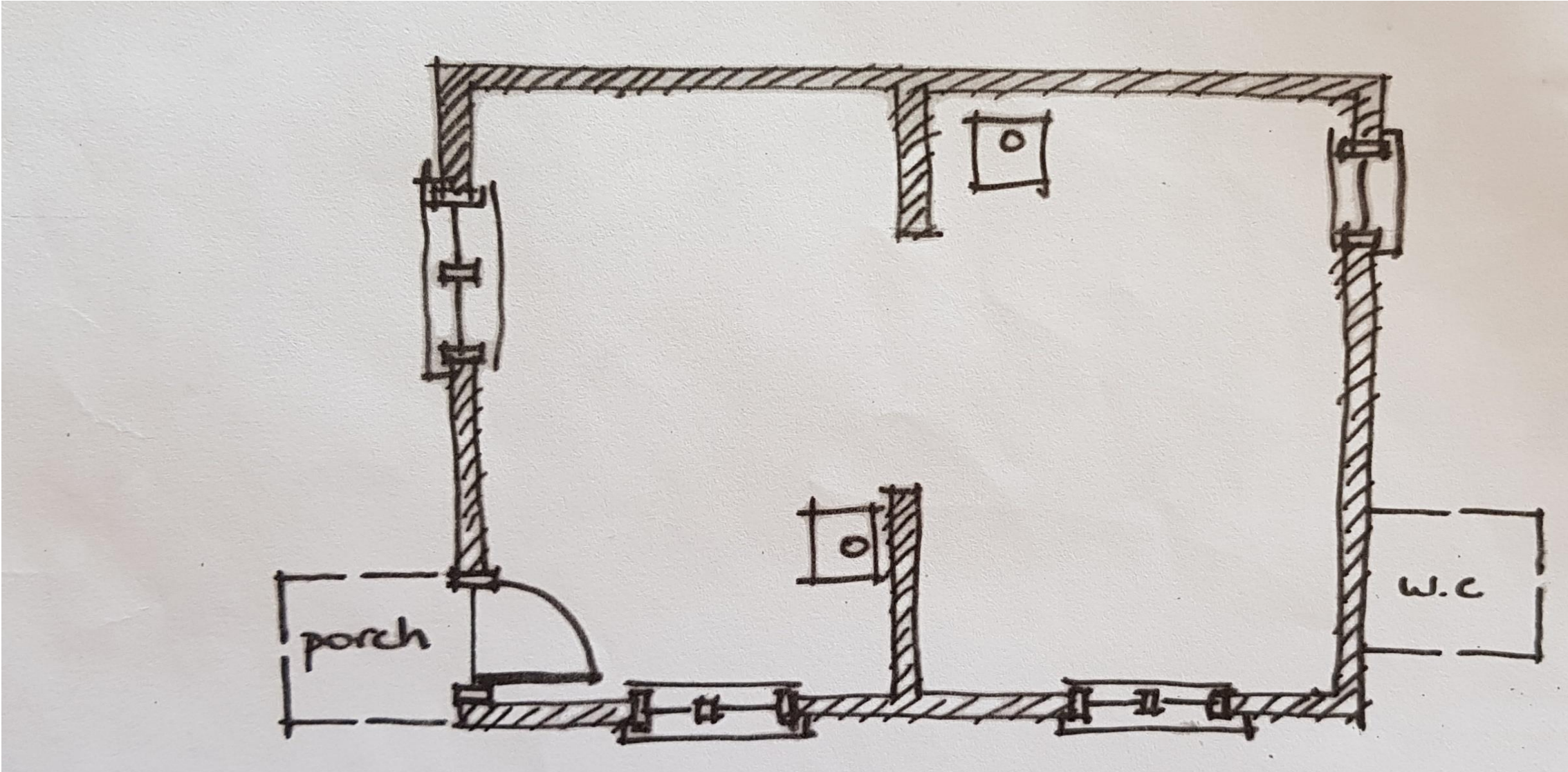




Fig. 37

The plan would be to replace the hut with either a like for like structure, a similar structure like the buildings which are currently popular in the Whaley Bridge/Chapel-en-le Frith area (Fig 38) or possibly something of outstanding architectural interest.

The shed will be 7.5m x 4m and no more than 3.8m tall. Plans and elevations have been included in this application and I expect to work with planning to agree the best format for this building. It would need to be large enough to house a shower and toilet, picnic tables, a refreshment area for workers, a track vehicle/tractor/quad and industrial chipper machines.

The shed collapsed under the weight of felling of the rhododendron above it but the structure and toilet with septic tank still exist (Fig 37).



Fig. 38

## **Phase 3 Long Term Ideas/Suggestions also to be discussed with planning.....**

Post rhododendron clearance and woodland restoration the next plan will be to explore tourism possibilities on the site. Ideas will be popularity tested online with the General Public, Planning Departments and Local Community workshops. None of these ideas can progress until the woodland is restored, planning permission given and the site declared safe for public access.

The closing of the Chestnut Centre has left a void for good countryside tourist locations for visitors in the area to spend money.

So far these ideas seem to be popular with local people but would need further research and public testing before planning submissions.

Some of these proposals could bring much needed **jobs** to the local area. I estimate a potential of **2-5** jobs being created.

### **Pathway Whaley Bridge to Kettlethulme**

Currently there is no public footpath across Tom Wood. The pathway currently follows the reservoir up until the Toddbrook Weir where it meets the rear gate of Tom Wood and then crosses the weir. In the summer this is easily navigated as the weir is dry. In the winter this becomes impossible to cross. The below are only ideas and have not been fully explored.

### **A Memorial Bridge**

There has been permission for the David Frith Memorial Bridge been established by Graham Aldred (contact and details on request) but Graham is having difficulty in getting the land owners to take long term ownership of the bridge. An alternative of large stepping stones inserted into the river has also not been progressed.

### **A Footpath**

It might be possible once the rhododendron is cleared to open up a walking only footpath along the Toddbrook Valley to the bridge at Start Lane. Until the rhododendron is cleared it is impossible to know how best to direct this route. This will be explored over the coming months and years of clearance.

### **Expansion of the Derbyshire Cycle Network**

The current cycle network runs very close to the area coming down from the quiet roads of the Goyt Valley and Taxal Edge area onto the very busy B5470 (Macclesfield Road) which has blind corners and parked cars at the Horwich End section. The route would be better if it came down Kishfield Lane/Start Lane and then connected to Reservoir Rd and encouraged cyclists to stop for tea and cake at The Bakehouse and Pear Tree Café refreshment stops. The network could then pass over the Old Road and Eccles Road route over Eccles Pike to Chapel-en-le Frith.

## **Summer Café**

If permission is granted for re-establishment of the historic building on the land it could be converted into a pop up summer café or ice cream stand to encourage walkers in the area. It would make a good halfway point for walks from Whaley to Kettleshulme, acting as encouragement for walkers to use the route and could be advertised on walkers' websites etc. I suggest it would be run as an off-shoot of the Bakehouse on sunny days or weekends through the summer months. Please note that the businesses mentioned here have not been approached formally about this.

## **Pop-up outdoor cinema or theatre**

The terraced area would make a great place to host traveling theatre companies in the summer or outdoor cinema experiences. It would encourage locals and tourists to walk from Whaley Bridge and Kettleshulme to the event bringing their own refreshments.

## **Go Ape or Forest Schools**

Proving very popular across the country a high ropes course area, corporate training or children's summer forest school encouraging visitors to the area.

## **Glamping Site, Duke of Edinburgh/Scout Camp Site**

Again very popular at the moment, a glamping site for two or three safari style tents could be very popular or a wild camping site for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold candidates and the local Scouts.

## **Sculpture Walks**

Similar to the Bondi Sculpture By the Sea walk that happens every spring in Australia we could run a sculpture walk for 6 weeks from Spring Bank half term until the end of June. This would encourage tourists and locals to get outside during the shoulder season and encourage local and international artists to produce something for the event each year.