

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Meadow Bank,

Whitehough Head Lane,

Whitehough,

Derbyshire,

SK23 6EJ

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The planning statement is in support of the proposed off road parking space



1. Introduction

The proposal comprises in the widening of the existing access gate to form a parking space to charge an electric vehicle. The aim of the proposal is to break out the existing non permeable concrete surface and replace with Stone Setts loose laid with sand to allow water to permeate through the surface whilst, complimenting the surrounding area in design

Background

- 1.1. The property is a 4 bedroom Victorian detached stone property situated East off Whitehough head Lane.
- 1.2. The property is situated in the centre of the Chinley and Whitehough Conservation area.
- 1.3. The site is located in the Dark Peak and is Settled Valley Pastures Landscape type also situated in Greenbelt land.

Purpose

- 1.4. Although the site and local plan protect such sites, as described above, the application is to widen the existing gateway subsequently improving the landscape character. The existing wall detailing negatively stands out in the landscape.
- 1.5. The proposal is kept within the curtilage of the property and is sympathetic to its surrounding.

2. The Application

Introduction

- 2.1. The proposal is to widen the existing pedestrian access at the west of the property to form a parking space
- 2.2. The proposal is required for various reasons which will be justified as part of this planning statement, whilst attempting to enhance the character of the property.

Design and form

- 2.3. The proposal is designed to reduce water run-off using reclaimed Stone Setts as the surface finish allow water to penetrated through into the ground between each Sett, encouraging root growth to existing vegetation/shrubs/trees. (Policy EQ1). The stone Setts are also typical of the area enhancing the overall appearance and charter of the setting.
- 2.4. The proposal includes for the provision of a new Electric charging point enhancing the overall sustainability of the property (Policy EQ1).
- 2.5. The wall modifications aim to remove later added walling and highlight the historic landscape character of the former farmhouse, walls both the coursed and drystone field boundaries; typical of the Settled Valley Pasture (Policy EQ2).
- 2.6. The proposal has no impact to the green belt area and all existing landscaping and vegetation will remain to encourage biodiversity in the area.

3. Documents Submitted in support of the application

The following documents/ plans should be read in conjunction with the planning statement:

- 01_ LOCATION PLAN
- 02_ BLOCKPLAN
- 03_EXISTING & PROPOSED PLANS

4. Site Location and Description

The proposal has been designed to harmonise with the existing building and its surrounding. The proposed location is utilising the existing curtilage and is believed to be the most appropriate location for the parking space.

-Refer to the planning statement and drawings forming part of the application

5. Relevant planning History & Statutory Designations

- HPK/2009/0292- NOT REQUIRED
- HPK/2006/0456- NOT REQUIRED

6. Conclusion

In summary the proposal enhances and respects the character of the Chinley and Whitehough conservation area and the greater landscape character of the Greenbelt. The proposal to widen the existing access gateway has a positive impact on the street scene, removing inappropriate wall detailing which deters the eye from the street view. The proposal also aims to distinguish the settlement between field and domestic boundaries as currently there is no clear definition and symmetry is impacting the overall appearance of the traditional property. The design has been carefully thought of to be in keeping with the local gritstone design and harmonise with the property set in the Settled Valley Pasture. The proposal is to create a usable and aesthetically pleasing solution to address the current need for off road electric vehicle charging space. Given the current climate and need for a sustainable future this proposal not only provides much needed sustainable infrastructure but enhances the character of the property and wider area.

7. Appendices

Appendix A.

	
IMAGE 01: View North (towards Chinley) on Whitehough Head Lane	IMAGE 02: View North (towards Old Hall PH) on Whitehough Head Lane