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Comments: We felt in light of some of the other comments posted here that we ought to clarify a couple of inaccurate assumptions:

Rear hedge by Corbar Towers: the plans show the proposed hedge tracking along the rear wall of our property, down our rear steps (to improve both security and privacy, and reinstate previous trellis) but stopping at the start of the mature hedge to the rear of our side lawn. To be clear, we have no plans or desire to remove this hedge, and this area will not be covered by the proposed trellis. We have made this clear when asked, and are surprised that it is still being challenged.

Widened driveway access: we wish to widen the access to our drive to enable parking for two cars. This is in order to be able to charge our hybrid van without trailing cables across the pavement, and to remove a parked car from the road outside our house (there was an accident in April this year when a learner drive hit our parked car at the top of the road, the road is routinely used by learner drivers). In terms of aesthetics, we simply wish to rebuild the current gateposts further apart to enable parking access for two cars. We would photograph the current gateposts, dismantle them and rebuild them as close as possible to their current aesthetic further apart. Effectively, what we want to do is remove a slice from our front garden wall to enable the widening without changing the overall aesthetic. We have never stated nor implied that we wish to change the aesthetic or install anything which is not in keeping with the conservation area. We do not.

Garage drainage: we cannot install a prefab or timber garage as High Peak want the new construction to be of stone walls and a slate roof (which, FWIW, we also think would be more in keeping). This would obviously be built to Building Regulation standards, with the involvement of Building Control, and would include guttering and associated drainage. The mature hedge currently in place is already sheltered by our current wooden summer house, just as it would continue to be by the stone wall of a garage. The current summer house has no guttering whatsoever, rainwater simply runs off, so we are hopeful that our proposed garage would actually help with drainage rather than hinder it.

If anyone has any issues or questions regarding any aspect this application they are very welcome to visit us and we will walk you through what we have in mind and how we propose to execute it, with the reasoning behind it. ██████████

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