

**THE VICARAGE,
HEATH HOUSE LANE, HORTON,
LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE. ST13 8PH**

HERITAGE STATEMENT

The Vicarage, Horton was constructed early C19 to serve the local Parish. English Heritage Building ID 275299.

Brick fronted having stone quoins and strings; stone slate roof with front parapet, symmetrically designed; round arched central window at first floor over 4 panel door with moulded surround.

Horton Village is first attested as Harten(e) in 1226, Horton Hall sited to the West of the Vicarage is a Jacobean Manor House built on the site of an earlier house dating back to the 12th Century.

Elizabeth Bennett once enjoyed a holiday with her Aunt and Uncle at Horton Hall.

The Vicarage once served St Michael's, a Parish, in the union of Leek N. Parish register began in 1653.

The area is rural and the small village sits around the Church on the East side of the Parish with larger settlements dating mainly from the 19th Century on the Western boundary at Biddulph Moor and on the Eastern boundary at Rudyard.

The Vicarage was built North of the Church by the Patron John Wedgwood in 1753, it was held by trustees until 1935, when it was conveyed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It was sold in 1985.

The Horton Conservation Area was established in 1970, the boundary includes the whole of the ancient settlement.

Horton is set in a special landscape area.

Horton is derived from Anglo Saxon and means 'settlement on muddy land'. The village itself is a 'planned settlement' which originated as a single row of houses fronting the lane. The core of the settlement is a group of buildings including the Church, Vicarage and the former Crown Inn, all of medieval origin.

No scheduled monuments exist within the Conservation Area.

A high proportion of the buildings within the Conservation Area are listed; Horton Hall is one of the most impressive. The 19th Century Vicarage is sited to the East of Horton Hall.

Sited fronting Heath House Lane the main façade is of a symmetrical design of red brick with stone quoins and bands; 4 stone surround windows, 2 either side of the main entrance, and arched head window over. Predominant parapet and keystones are visible.

Our proposal is to remove the ground floor external wall and extend the kitchen outwards into a path/courtyard area. Part of a stone single storey outbuilding and polycarbonate roof will be removed.

We intend to limit the impact and retain the existing first floor window, with this in mind a flat roof structure was considered as the most convenient solution.

Whilst all new materials will be contrasting, this will enhance and retain the existing features such as stone surrounds.

The proposal cannot be seen from a public highway, please see attached photo denoted PP1 which demonstrates a similar project undertaken. We feel the proposal will not harm the existing characteristics of the Vicarage, the proposal will be read as a modern 2015 addition and will be seen as an entirely different form of architecture.

Our Client has a large growing family. The kitchen as it stands presently does not achieve enough space to congregate, mix and generally spend time with the family.

It is considered therefore to increase the floor space to create one large open plan kitchen, family room.







