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ST11 9EA

Impact Statement for Planning application Ref: **PP-05303069**

I am submitting an application for a proposed new access to my property, **2 Church Terrace, Blythe Bridge Road, CAVERSWALL ST11 9EA,** which consists of a hard standing single driveway situated at the front of my property and will take the place of the originating front garden area.

My property currently sits within the Caverswall conservation area and this statement is to address the positive impact that this development will have on the immediate surrounding area and listed buildings.

Materials for the driveway are to be laid in a Marshalls Tegula block paving (traditional) style which has been given particular care and thought. I also consider that the materials proposed will be the best option as the colour and appearance are very much within keeping of the characteristics of the surrounding area and listed buildings. This also ensures that the development will remain sympathetic with my own property which was built in the 16th Century.

The justification for this development is that it would positively impact on the current parking arrangements in the village as I currently park my vehicle on the public highway to the right of the castle gates /main access. This specific section of the road is often very busy and well used by the local primary school and two popular churches. I anticipate that being able to park my vehicle off road will greatly facilitate better access and will make the area considerably safer for pedestrians and other road users.

I also propose to reposition the existing boundary wall to enable it to remain in view at the front of the development; the existing wall is currently in some disrepair so would be preserved to its former condition. This will significantly improve the appearance from a public and local perspective. Further material of South Down Multi Brick and a solider course of the same brick above are to be used to continue the wall's length; this material is also in keeping with and sympathetic to the surroundings.

The driveway is to be constructed by a local and trusted developer who has already laid driveways in the village; his skill base and local knowledge will again ensure that the proposed driveway will be in keeping with those that already exist and add to the prosperity of local businesses.

I am in no doubt that this development will be a significant improvement to the appearance of the village whilst both easing traffic and improving the safety of other road users and pedestrians.

Kind Regards,
Stella Dawson